

A SHOWCASE OF RARE WHISKIES AND WINES

Over 350 lots of rare wines and whiskies went under the hammer at the recent 22nd Fine Wine and Whisky Auction in Tokyo held by Kaigai Fine Wine Asia

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A group of wine and whisky enthusiasts and industry experts gathered at Tokyo Midtown on 27 May for the 22nd Fine Wine and Whisky Auction, held by Kaigai Fine Wine Asia, a Tokyo-based wine auction company and wholesale distributor of rare and fine wines.

Over 350 lots of rare wines and whiskies were put up for sale that day, among them an exceedingly rare single bottle of Karuizawa 1964, which hammered at just under JPY2 million, making it one of the top lots of the sale. Various D.R.C. Romanée-Conti's (2003, 2005, 2008) also garnered close to JPY2 million per bottle.

Another highlight of the event was the auctioning of an entire barrel of Glenfarclas whisky, which will be bottled by Japan Import System, one of the oldest independent bottling companies in the country.

Apart from the auction of wines and whiskies, Kaigai has a lifestyle platform called Kaigai Experiences, which offers a number of experiences in and around Japan for visitors of the spring and fall auctions. Some of the unique experiences offered include wine, sake and whisky tasting events at exclusive restaurants, with the most recent being a special wine tasting dinner at the famed L'Effervescence, and a wine pairing dinner at Sushi Hakkoku, one of the most sought-after sushi-yas in Tokyo, with rare bottles from Comte Liger-Belair and Domaine G. Roumier being served to guests.

The upcoming fall auction will be held on 28 October 2018 at the ANA InterContinental Tokyo. **wd**

