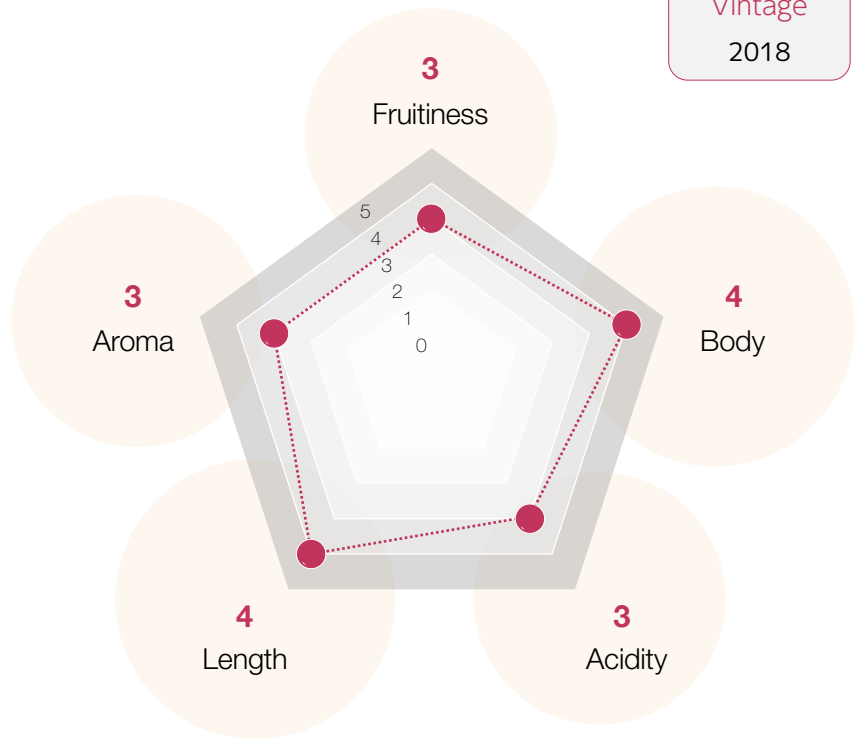




Vintage
2018



Aroma/Flavour/Taste

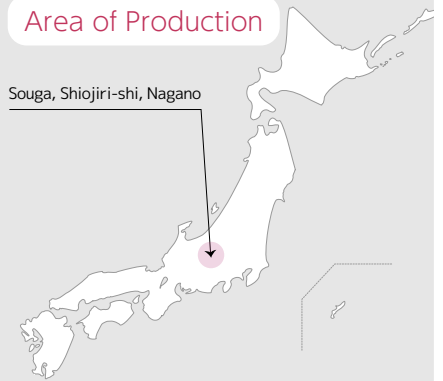
Lovely ruby red colour. It has a freshly picked black fruit such as black currant & blue berry aroma come with little dry herb & sweet spices aroma, also a touch of pepper note. It is a balance wine, firm tannin structure with the body & fresh acidity. Taste of fruit, spices, also pepper note with long finish.

Grape Variety

Merlot 100%

Area of Production

Souga, Shiojiri-shi, Nagano



Suggested Foods for Pairing

SUKIYAKI
YAKINIKU

Recommended Serving Temperature



About the Vintner and Wine

- Long-established winery that opened its vineyards in 1911 and began making wine in 1919.
- Has won many awards at domestic and international wine competitions.
- The founder, Goichi Hayashi, is known as the pioneer of Kikyougahara Merlot.
- Nowadays, Kikyougahara in Nagano Prefecture is well known throughout Japan as a famous Merlot producing area, largely because of the achievements of Hayashi Nouen Corp.
- Its original vineyard is located at 720 meters above sea level. In winter, the climate is favorable for viticulture with large temperature differences between day and night.
- In 2011, they opened a new five-hectare vineyard, Kakizawa Vineyard, in Kakizawa, Shiojiri, located at 800 meters above sea level.
- In June 2021, wine from Nagano Prefecture finally received the GI (Geographical Indication) designation at the same time as sake. Kikuchi, Senior Managing Director, is one of the main people who filed the petition for the "GI Nagano" designation.
- Kikuchi's next goal is to promote Nagano wine to the world, and to make Kikyougahara known as a famous winemaking region not only in Japan but also overseas.



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