

Laizhou Distillery unveils Chinese Mongolian Cask

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The Chinese Mongolian Cask made its global debut at the Beijing Whisky Festival, marking a culmination of two-year relentless exploration by Laizhou Distillery. The unveiling at Laizhou's booth at the festival drew a crowd of industry experts, media representatives and whisky enthusiasts across the country to witness this historic moment.

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Driven by the vision of crafting "truly Chinese whisky," Laizhou embarked on a nationwide search for indigenous cask-aging materials early in its establishment. In 2021, the first Huangjiu Cask were filled in Laizhou Distillery, drawing on the experience of the process of Sherry Cask and integrating the flavours of Chinese Huangjiu into whisky. This is the very first Huangjiu Cask created by Laizhou around the whisky world. In 2022, Laizhou partnered with Beijing Forestry University to initiate the "Laizhou Mongolian Oak Breeding Program," an environmentally conscious program aimed at improving the quality of Mongolian Oak suitable for cask making. While Mongolian oak is considered a premium variety for cask aging, the lack of suitable cultivars has led to widespread issues among them. These issues include low content of tyloses, resulting in poor watertightness, which can cause leaks and shorten the flavour extraction process. After two years of extensive research, Laizhou has established the Gold Standard for Chinese Mongolian Cask.