

# What is written on sake bottle labels?

Japanese regulations require that points ① thru ⑨ below must be printed on the labels of sake bottles.

① Alcohol content

アルコール分  
16.0度以上  
17.0度未満

② Raw ingredients  
(as a rule, it is not necessary to list water)

原材料名  
米(国産)  
米こうじ(国産米)  
醸造アルコール  
精米歩合 60%

③ *Seimai-buai*  
(Degree of rice polishing)

④ Variety of raw rice and locations grown

山田錦  
(兵庫県産 100%)

⑤ Product name  
(e.g.: Both 日本酒 (*nihonshu*) and 清酒 (*seishu*) are correct Japanese terms for sake.)

清酒  
720ml

⑥ Net volume

⑦ Date produced

製造年月  
23. 3

⑧ Name and address of the brewery

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未成年者の飲酒は法律で禁止されています

⑨ Caution: not to be sold to or consumed by minors

⑩ Specific designations  
(*ginjo*, *junmai*, or *honjozo*)

⑩ thru ⑫ are only listed when required by regulation. Additional information is also specified, including the number of years aged, the quality, and the use of organic rice.

⑪ Sake brewing location

東広島の酒  
樽酒

⑫ Characteristics of the sake  
(i.e. 原酒 (*genshu*), 生酒 (*namazake*), 生貯蔵酒 (*nama-chozo-shu*), 生一本 (*ki-ippou*), 樽酒 (*taruzake*))

⑬ Manufacturer's proprietary rating category

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Some sake bottles have another label on the back of the bottle. It will include more information about the product and other information about quality.

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製品の特徴  
 ・酒造好適米を贅沢に使いました  
 ・伝統の生もとを採用、手造りにこだわりました  
 ・旨味に富んだ辛口本醸造酒です

原料米	山田錦	精米歩合	60%
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使用酵母	協会701号
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成分	日本酒度	+ 5
	酸度	1.6
	アミノ酸度	1.6

甘辛

甘口	やや甘口	やや辛口	辛口
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おすすめの飲み方

冷やして	室温	ぬる燗	熱燗
△	○	◎	○

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This booklet includes terms that are often used on sake labels in order to provide aids so the consumer can choose wisely when selecting a bottle of sake.