In 1963, Japan's first municipal winery opened in Ikeda Town based on an idea from the former mayor Kaneyasu Marutani. It conducted research on grape cultivation methods suitable for the cold climate of Tokachi, and developed cold-resistant grape varieties such as Yamasachi. Yamasachi was registered internationally as an original grape variety and became one of the most prominent brands of Tokachi Wine. Today, Tokachi Wine has a lineup of over 80 products, including brandy and Japan's first sparkling wine made through in-bottle secondary fermentation. They have fascinated many wine connoisseurs and visitors to the Wine Castle.

Built in 1974, the Wine Castle (officially called the Tokachi-Ikeda Research Institute for Viticulture and Enology) is a wine production facility that resembles an old European castle. It also features a corridor museum, a shop, and a restaurant. It has become a popular Tokachi sightseeing spot visited by locals and tourists alike.



Tokachi Wine is the first municipal winery in Japan





#### By train to Ikeda Station (10 mins on foot to Wine Castle)



- ·From Minami-Chitose: 2 hrs 20 mins (Ltd. Exp. Ozora) ·From Chitose-Higashi IC: 2 hrs 20 mins
- From Obihiro: 25 mins (Local train)
- By car
- · From Sapporo-Minami IC: 2 hrs 50 mins
- · From Obihiro Station: 35 mins



### By bus

· From Obihiro Bus Terminal: 1 hr (Tokachi Bus)



## By airplane

From Haneda Airport to Obihiro Airport: 1 hr 30 mins to Wine Castle: 50 mins by car

# Wine Castle

Kiyomi 83-4, Ikeda-cho, Hokkaido, Japan 083-0002 Entrance fee: Free Parking: Free (100 slots) \*May be temporarily closed due to weather, etc.



< For sightseeing, restaurant, shopping, etc. > Ikeda Wine Castle TEL 015-578-7850





<For wine and other products> Tokachi-Ikeda Research Institute for Viticulture and Enology TEL 015-572-2467

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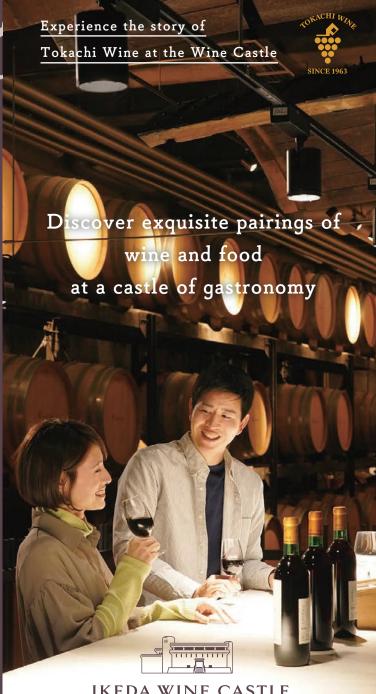
# DCTgarden IKEDA



This facility located in the grounds of the Wine Castle showcases the costumes and other archives related to Dreams Come True, one of the most renowned pop artists in Japan. You can also buy various original

Entrance fee: Free

Hours:  $10:00\sim16:00$  Closed: Tue, yearend holidays TEL: 015-572-3938



IKEDA WINE CASTLE

HOKKAIDO TOKACHI

Tokachi-Ikeda Research Institute for Viticulture and Enology



Non-alcoholic grape juice and season-limited Yamasachi Ice Wine also available.









Other dishes you can enjoy at the 4F restaurant include Hamburg steak, pizza, and various desserts. You can also order them to go.















You can buy exclusive wine bottles and other Ikeda Town products at the 1F shopping area.