

In May of 2018, it was recognized that, 'A Landscape Interwoven with Vineyards -Kyotoh-Yamanashi Wine Country-' provided such a story through its rich cultural stories and beautiful vineyards.



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Grapes are at their peak from September to the end of October. This is when most wine festivals are held. November 3rd marks the start of the Yamanashi Nouveau Wine Festival. During this season, the vineyards change from a carpet of green to a patchwork of red and yellow.

## AUTUMN

Seasonal fruits : Grape(Sep-Oct)

The leaves on the grapevines have all fallen. In the vineyards, the grapevines are all trimmed back to their original shape with longer branches cut. From November to December you can see persimmons hanging out to dry.

## WINTER

Seasonal fruits : Dried Persimmon(Dec), Strawberry(Jan-May)

### The birthplace of grape cultivation

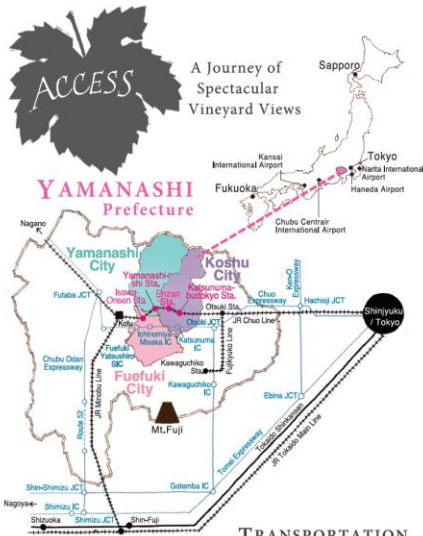
It is said that the cultivation of grapes in this area began around 1300 years ago.

The area flourishes in grape production as a result of hard work, and optimal environmental conditions.

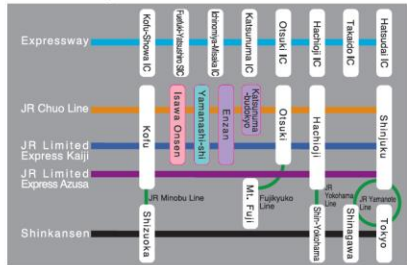
### The birthplace of Japanese wine

In 1877, Japan's first private wine-making company was founded in Katsumura.

They sent two young men to France to engage in authentic wine production.



### TRANSPORTATION



※1 Some JR Limited Express Kaji trains also stop at Katsumura-budokyo on Saturday and Sunday.  
 ※2 Some JR Limited Express Aburahi trains also stop at Otsuki, Enzan, Yamanashiwaki, Iwasa Onsen.

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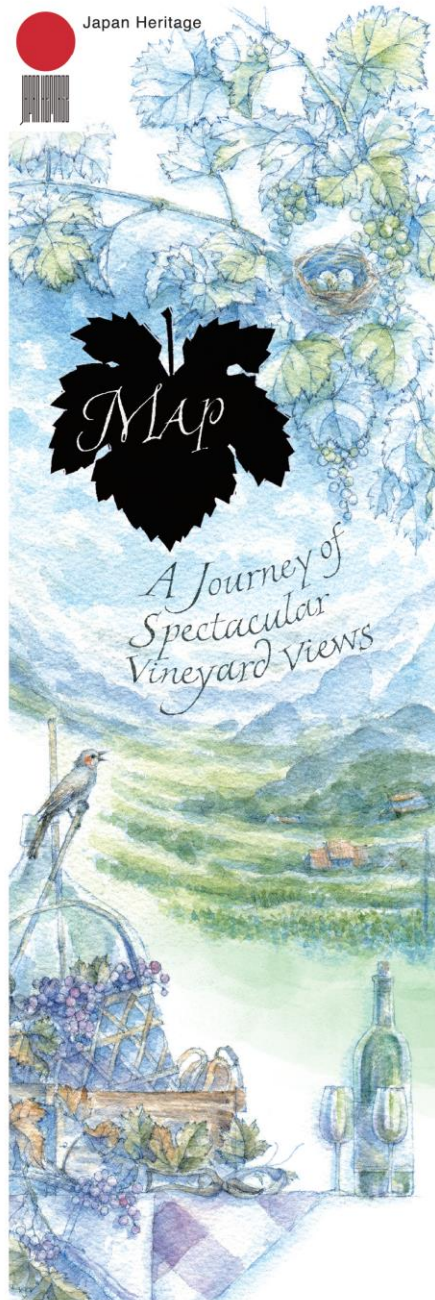
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### Japan Heritage



### What is Japan Heritage...

Stories that pass down regional culture and traditions through cultural properties are recognized by the country as 'Japan Heritage.'

## SPRING

From February to March, apricot, plum, and cherry blossoms bloom one after another. Then when the peach flowers peak in early April, everything as far as the eye can see turns pink. Grapevines also start to bud in April.

Seasonal fruits : Strawberry(Jan-May), Cherry(May-June)

## SUMMER

The rainy season continues through late June and early July. At its conclusion, what's left of summer are days of sweltering heat. This is the peak season for peaches. At the end of August you can taste-test grapes that matured early.

Seasonal fruits : Peach(July-Aug), Plum(June-Aug), Grape(Aug-)

### Kyotoh-Yamanashi Wine Country

The Yamanashi Kyotoh region is full of wineries, including 41 in Koshu City, 12 in Yamanashi City, and another 12 in Fuefuki City. Many of them offer wine tastings and tours. Why not take in the beautiful views of the vineyards as you explore the wineries?

### Koshu wine

Wine made from Koshu grapes, a variety unique to Japan.

In 2010, Koshu wine was registered in the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV), and became well-known across the globe.



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**A Landscape Interwoven with Vineyards**

—Kyotoh-Yamanashi Wine Country—

The eastern part of the Kofu basin, north of Mt. Fuji (aka the Kyo-toh region), is filled with vineyards and provides a beautiful landscape that changes with each season. The cultivation of grapes, which has been going on for over 1,300 years, has continued through the generations through the wisdom and ingenuity of past generations. The wine made with these grapes has been enjoyed as a part of daily life in the region, and is also gaining world recognition for its fine quality.

**A Landscape of Vineyards**



The vineyards have many appearances each of which change with the seasons. From being a carpet of green in the spring and summer, to a yellow and red patchwork in the fall and a sea of branches stretching over the landscape in the winter.

**Overhead Trellis-type Grape Cultivation**

A cultivation method unique to Japan, in which a trellis is used to stretch out the branches of grape vines. This is called the "Koshu method" since it began in this region (Koshu is the old name for Yamanashi Prefecture).

**The oldest Koshu grape vine**

Known as "Koryu", at over 100 years old, this is the oldest Koshu grape vine in existence.

**MAP KEYS**

- Winery
- Winery with Japanese architecture
- Hot spring
- Shrine
- Peach flower



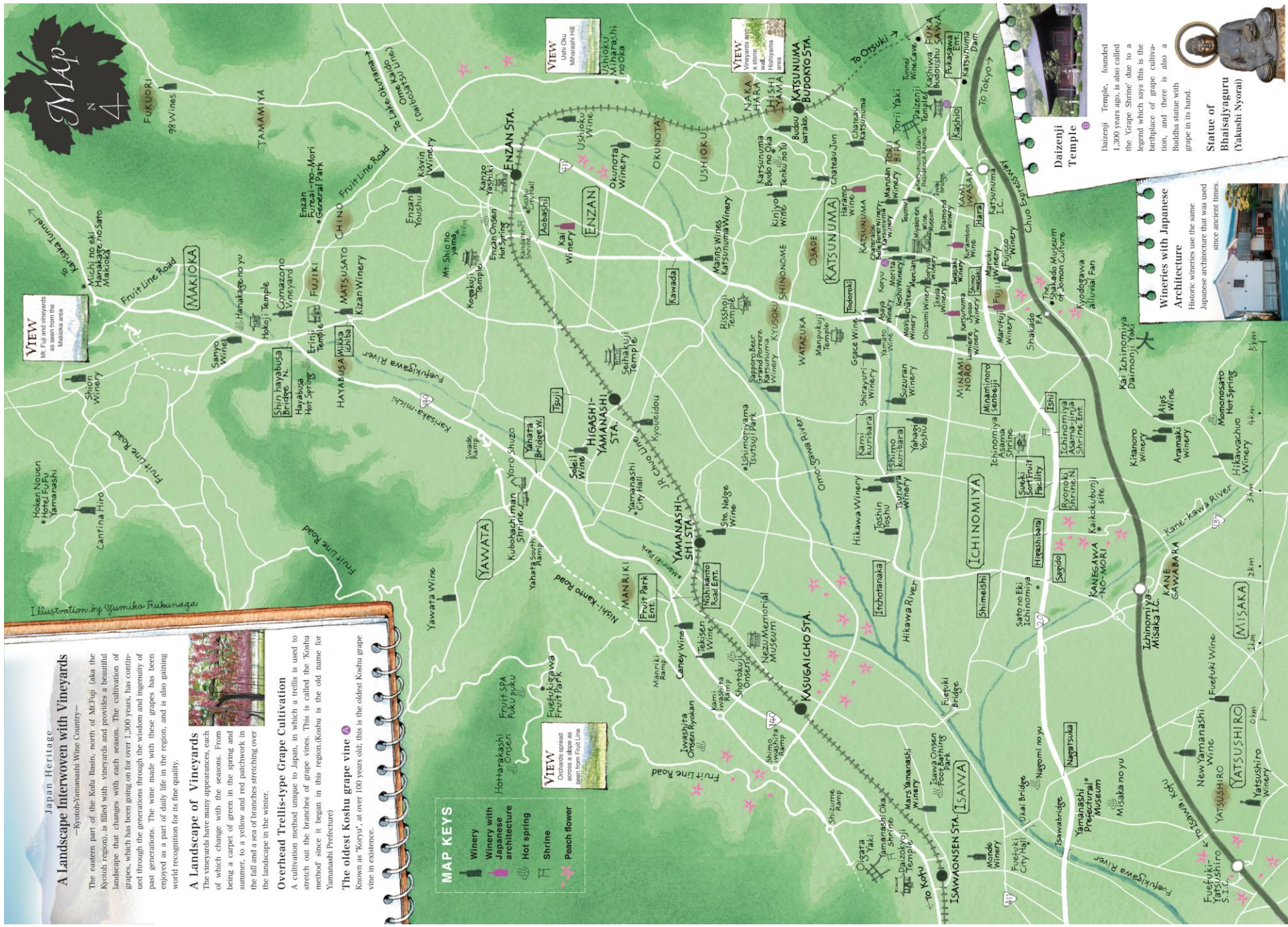
**VIEW**  
On the road across a slope as seen from Fruit Line



**VIEW**  
Use Onu Mountain Hill



**VIEW**  
Vineyards and wine-making area



**Wineries with Japanese Architecture**  
Historic wineries use the same Japanese architecture that was used since ancient times.



**Daizenji Temple**  
founded 1,300 years ago, is also called the "Grape Shrine" due to a legend which says this is the birthplace of grape cultivation, and there is also a Buddha statue with grape in its hand.



**Statue of Bhaisajyaguru (Yakushi Nyorai)**