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THE WORLD'S ONLY COAL-FIRED STILL

Health and safety legislation in the European Union has long since consigned coal-fired stills to the whisky history books. Glendronach in Speyside was the last Scottish distillery to switch to steam-heated stills (in 2006), while others, such as Macallan use open gas fires. But the traditional practice of using coal can still be seen in action in Japan. As our photograph shows, the Yoichi Distillery in Hokkaido is one of the few remaining places in the world where workers still manually feed the furnaces with shovel-loads of coal to heat the stills. 🍷

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If this story has ignited a desire for Japanese whisky, you might want to seek out Cask No. 120.6 ('Lean Back Smiling') from our latest Outturn. See page 15 for more details.