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Saké Isn't So Gross After All

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If you had asked me two weeks ago to name Japan's three greatest gifts to the rest of the world, I would have said sushi, Zen and all of Japanese cinema except the 1989 film Tetsuo: The Iron Man. Or I would have said mochi, J-pop and Japanese gardens. I would not have said saké.



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One of America's tiny handful of stateside saké breweries, Oregon-based **SakéOne**, debuted saké on tap (featuring their Momokawa Organic Junmai Ginjo saké) at San Francisco's massive Outside Lands festival last week. Paul McCartney sang; Beaver State-brewed saké flowed. At a private party right before the festival, the SakéOne folks poured their products to evince that the warm stuff in little cups is not the whole saké story.

And if you're going to make rice into spirits, then why not brew some kind of sweet alcoholic amazake? Because honestly, ewww.

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