Substitute Japanese Hon-Mirin

Hon-Mirin is considered to be the "True" Mirin. Hon-Mirin is very expensive and difficult to obtain outside of Japan. While this recipe does not have the full flavor and complexity of Hon-Mirin, it is an adequate substitute for people who are not too fussy.

Ingredients

3/4 cup sake (good quality drinking)
1/4 cup white sugar (or 1/4 cup white corn syrup)
2 tbsps water

Procedure

- 1 Mix sugar and water and bring to a slight boil for a few minutes.
- 2 Remove from heat and allow to cool.
- 3 Add Sake to the mixture a small bit at a time until the desired sweetness is achieved.