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## MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

### HVC Black Friday 2023 Petit Gordos



**JOSEPH**

**TASTE:** Nutty, Creamy  
Leathery, Woody  
**HOBBIES:** Making Music  
Basketball, Comedy  
**STRENGTH:** Medium-Full



#### APPEARANCE



#### DRAW



#### BURN



#### AROMA



#### TASTE



With a dimension of 5 by 56, the HVC Black Friday 2023 Petit Gordo is a great size to light up and enjoy while holiday shopping at Neptune on a Black Friday or just walking the dog. After the first pull upon lighting, I was met with a very robust cedar flavor complemented by a gentle white pepper at the back of the palate, providing you with a pleasant first act. Making my way into the midpoint of this stick, a subtle transition is noticed from that woody profile found in the beginning to a bit of cocoa and leather being introduced into the background of your experience. You will definitely notice throughout the entire smoke session that you will be able to draw with ease as the construction and burn on this one is a 5 out of 5 for me! Man, who would've thought Black Friday would be this easy! For the grand finale, this smoke becomes a bit more subtle towards the end, giving off a smooth, toasty, and nutty finish.

**PAIRING SUGGESTION:** Coffee, Rye



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## MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

### Crowned Heads Tennessee Waltz



**RENE**

**TASTE:** Wood, Earth,  
Leather  
**HOBBIES:** Guitar, Beer,  
Sarcasm  
**STRENGTH:** Medium / Full



#### APPEARANCE



#### DRAW



#### BURN



#### AROMA

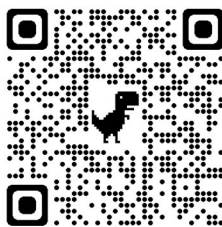


#### TASTE



As a broadleaf wrapper lover, there are certain brands that I KNOW will deliver in this field, and Crowned Heads is at the top. With many delicious broadleaf offerings over the years, I was excited to try the Tennessee Waltz due to its limited and exclusive nature. The Tennessee Waltz is normally available only in the state of Tennessee, with select retailers having the option to sell limited stock if they are lucky. Neptune happens to be one! Adorned with a bright orange footer band, this dark stick begins spicy and bold. I started to detect notes of creamy citrus, which was a perfect complement to the rich nature of the broadleaf. Nicaraguan binder and filler ensured a tasty profile that had notes of pepper and leather, with the leather picking up towards the end. If you want a good broadleaf smoke, order the Crowned Heads Tennessee Waltz ASAP, because this blend is not always available, and it's certainly worthy of your humidor.

**PAIRING SUGGESTION:** Bourbon



## HVC Black Friday 2023 Petit Gordos

Date smoked: .....

I was drinking: .....

I liked: .....

I did not like: .....

Strength: .....

Flavors: .....

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I was drinking: .....

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Flavors: .....





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## MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

### Perdomo Lot 23 Belicoso



**JOSE**

**TASTE:** All  
**HOBBIES:** Watching movies, reading, photography, family  
**STRENGTH:** Any



#### APPEARANCE



#### DRAW



#### BURN



#### AROMA



#### TASTE



The Perdomo Lot 23 Belicoso was one torpedo that hit all its targets. Its smooth, reddish Nicaraguan Habano wrapper ended with an expertly tapered tip. The construction had a nice firmness. At first light, I got a blast of spice that quickly shifted to deep earthy notes with hits of spice and coffee. As this Nicaraguan puro burned, the profile shifted to a mellow creaminess but with subtle spikes of spice. Into the second half, the creaminess and spiciness stayed the course. The finish was woody and nutty. The cigar did have a slight burn issue, but a quick touch-up fixed it. Overall, this medium-bodied cigar strikes an excellent balance between flavor, intensity, and smoothness. This belicoso is an affordable smoke that looks as good as it tastes.

**PAIRING SUGGESTION:** Coffee with milk, extra sweet



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## MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

### Perdomo 20th Anniversary Sun Grown Torpedo



**SAMUEL**

**TASTE:** Natural Tobacco  
**Anything New**  
**HOBBIES:** Video Games, Dogs, Cigars  
**STRENGTH:** Medium To Full



#### APPEARANCE



#### DRAW



#### BURN



#### AROMA



#### TASTE



Perdomo's 20th Anniversary Sungrown Torpedo is, well, I guess it's all there in the name. The tobaccos selected for this cigar are 8 years aged, high priming, and topped with a bourbon barrel-aged wrapper. This cigar really nailed the sun-grown experience of cedary, spicy, with a sweet finish. The extra kick on the front end of this cigar is a great way to get your mouth glowing but as the palate adjusts to the experience it tames out nicely into a medium to full strength stick. The sweet finish blends into earthier notes at the end of this cigar and the spice softens keeping this stogie flavorful but balanced. Burn time at 50 minutes, no construction issues, friendly price, bold but not unhinged. I would recommend this cigar to any sun-grown fan and Perdomo as a whole to those who don't know it. Great cigars, great prices, and an easy to navigate product line.

**PAIRING SUGGESTION:** Scotch or Bourbon



## Perdomo Lot 23 Belicoso

Date smoked: .....

I was drinking: .....

I liked: .....

I did not like: .....

Strength: .....

Flavors: .....

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## Perdomo 20th Anniversary Sun Grown Torpedo

Date smoked: .....

I was drinking: .....

I liked: .....

I did not like: .....

Strength: .....

Flavors: .....





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## MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

### Sensei's Sensational Sarsaparilla Belicoso



LUIS

TASTE: Woody, Spicy  
Peppery  
HOBBIES: Writing,  
Reading, Cooking  
STRENGTH: Medium To  
Full



#### APPEARANCE



#### DRAW



#### BURN



#### AROMA



#### TASTE



This week I picked up Espinosa's Sarsaparilla in a belicoso format. I've been gravitating more towards belicosos, perfectos and torpedoes lately, and I've really been enjoying the experience. This cigar was well built, packed with tobacco all the way through. Additionally, it didn't have any large seams or pronounced veins. Upon light up, however, the draw was a hair too tight. Definitely nowhere near being unsmokable, though. The first notes are bold and pleasant ones of earth, chocolate, and pepper. These notes continue throughout the first third of the cigar, at which point the smoke gains a better consistency. I found this cigar to be an enjoyable medium-full body, and as described on the box art I really do think root beer would pair well with it. It has slightly sweet, spiced notes that are reminiscent of root beer.

**PAIRING SUGGESTION:** Root beer



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## MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

### Matilde Quadrata Robusto



LUZ

TASTE: Earthy, Pepper  
HOBBIES: Cooking,  
Reading, Traveling  
STRENGTH: Medium



#### APPEARANCE



#### DRAW



#### BURN



#### AROMA



#### TASTE



This box-pressed beauty uses an Ecuadorian habano wrapper encasing Dominican and Nicaraguan tobaccos. I chose the robusto size because I needed something that would take 30-45 minutes and cut it with a V-cut. Immediately noticed how good this cigar looks, very good construction, and the orange band looks so nice on the oily dark brown wrapper with minimal veins. Excellent draw. Before you light this cigar, you can already enjoy the earthy aromas and dark chocolate notes. The first third offers more chocolate, cinnamon, and pepper flavors, with a medium body. Citrus flavors (possibly foreshadowed by the orange band) also make their appearance as you continue to smoke. The stick is complex and by the final third you've experienced cedar and nutty hints as well, even licorice. I would say the strength is medium to full.

**PAIRING SUGGESTION:** Coffee, Espresso with splash of milk



## Sensei's Sensational Sarsaparilla Belicoso

Date smoked: .....

I was drinking: .....

I liked: .....

I did not like: .....

Strength: .....

Flavors: .....

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## Matilde Quadrata Robusto

Date smoked: .....

I was drinking: .....

I liked: .....

I did not like: .....

Strength: .....

Flavors: .....