



• SMOKE WITH US •

MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

HVC Hot Cake Golden Line Connecticut Corona Gorda



MARTIN

TASTE: All

HOBBIES: Working out!!

STRENGTH: Medium / Full



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



The HVC Hot Cake Golden Line Connecticut Corona Gorda is what I will be reviewing today. This cigar sports a beautiful Ecuadorian Connecticut Shade wrapper along with a Nicaraguan Binder and fillers from Jalapa and Esteli. The cigar is everything I expected: super creamy and a bit stronger than I anticipated, which is a huge plus as I tend to like more medium- or full-bodied cigars. Notes of cedar, leather, cocoa, and small bits of pepper are the strong points of this cigar. I felt tiny amounts of what seemed like lemon, caramel, and cumin, which was very impressive, as I didn't expect this much flavor from this cigar. The draw was perfect with no adjustments needed at all; burn was not as pleasant, however, and I needed to relight a couple of times. This cigar is lovely with a morning coffee and absolutely wonderful for any mild or medium cigar lover.

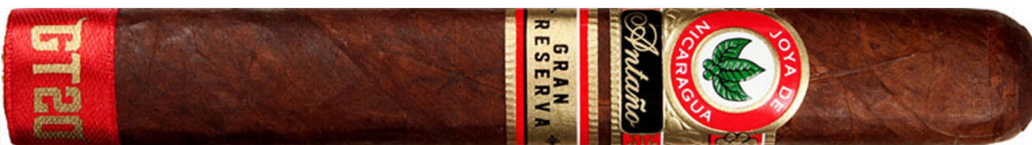
PAIRING SUGGESTION: Coffee



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MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

Joya de Nicaragua Antano Gran Reserva GT20



GABRIEL

TASTE: All

HOBBIES: Playing guitar

Movies, Reading

STRENGTH: Medium / Full



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



A true classic from Drew Estate: the Joya de Nicaragua Antano but, with a twist. This Gran Reserva edition varies in a few aspects from the Antaño you may be familiar with. It's box-pressed, and the extra aging on its premium fillers promises it to be a smoother blend than the traditional Antano. The dry draw imparts hints of molasses and fruit. Upon lighting I'm greeted with sweet notes of leather and coffee. As I suspected this cigar is less spice forward than the standard Antano but it's definitely still present, mostly on the retro-hale. Moving past the halfway point that spice starts creeping in, complemented by a sweet chocolatey finish. It was at this point the cigar needed to be touched up a few times. This Antano Grand Reserva finished as strong as it started with satisfying notes of chocolate and spice. A must try for Drew Estate fans, or fans of the Antano looking for a change of pace.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Irish whiskey



HVC Hot Cake Golden Line Connecticut Corona Gorda

Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



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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. If you look at the effort that went into this cigar and the price tag on it we really find why Perdomo is a name most know. 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 cedar, spice, and 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 throughout. Burn time at 50 minutes, no construction issues, friendly price, bold but not unhinged. I would recommend this cigar to sun-grown and Perdomo fans as a whole.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Scotch or Bourbon



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MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

Alec & Bradley Kintsugi Toro



LUIS

TASTE: Woody, Spicy
Peppery
HOBBIES: Archery,
Photography, Cooking
STRENGTH: Medium To
Full



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



The Alec Bradley Kintsugi Toro is a medium body cigar and is one of the first cigars I smoked when I was getting into the hobby. I thought it was a great cigar then, so I lit up another one to see how it stacked up with my original thoughts. From the dry draw, I felt a wave of wood and nuts on the palate. Mixed in there was a grassy flavor that you don't get in many cigars. On light up, I was met with that wood, and quite a bit of spice. In the first third, there was a prominent smoky note to go with the woodiness, and the smoke developed a creamy consistency. The retro-hale gives another layer of depth to the cigar, one full of pepper and earth. Past the first third, the spice would pull back and become the backdrop to a floral sweetness that stayed present through the end. I hardly had to correct the burn or draw. This cigar is something that can be shown to newer smokers, or seasoned smokers who prefer medium bodied offerings.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Espresso or Cognac



Perdomo 20th Anniversary Sun Grown Torpedo

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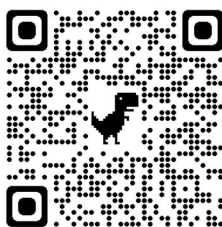
I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



Alec & Bradley Kintsugi Toro

Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



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MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

Rocky Patel The Edge Sumatra Torpedo



ELIU

TASTE: All
HOBBIES: MMA, Listening to music, Photography, Videography
STRENGTH: Medium To Full



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



Tasting Notes: leathery, woody, spicy. Appearance: The look of the cigar is a medium to dark brown wrapper. Origins: the origins are from Honduras. First Third: Straight from the light I get hints of leather, wood, and a slight bit of pepper. The draw is excellent and it also gives a great amount of smoke off every hit. The cigar hits the medium mark I'd say. Second third: About 30 minutes in, I'm getting the same leather notes with a slight hint of pepper and some natural tobacco sweetness. Last Third: Going into the last third of the cigar. The cigar kept the woody tasting notes throughout the entire smoke. Overall, the Rocky Patel The Edge Sumatra Torpedo is a great cigar that I would recommend to anyone that wants a consistent and good smoke.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Stout beer, Scotch or Bourbon



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MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

Villiger 1888 Nicaragua Toro



SAMUEL

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



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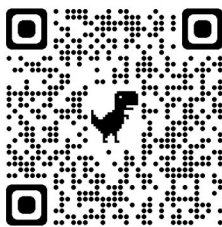


TASTE



A Maduro Ecuadorian Sumatra seed cigar that packs a punch. The Villiger 1888 Nicaraguan Toro was created to commemorate the year Villiger cigars were created. The first third comes in with lots of peppery and leathery notes while letting off a very pleasant aroma. The second third was very smooth and I was really starting to enjoy the cigar a lot more than I expected. The last third is where the chocolate honey sweet notes started to come in and I have to say it was a very pleasant experience. The strong beginning and slow gradual decline in strength and strong flavors was a big plus for me as I am not the biggest fan of peppery notes. This paired very well with a Cuban coffee and its definitely going to be one of the cigars I keep on hand. The burn was perfect. I did not have to relight the cigar at all, and it had a very slow and even burn. One of the best affordable sticks I've had in a while. Villiger did not disappoint, B+.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Cuban coffee



Rocky Patel The Edge Sumatra Torpedo

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I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



Villiger 1888 Nicaragua Toro

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Strength:

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