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MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SAMPLER CARD

La Gloria Cubana Natural Wavell



JOSE

TASTE: Cedar, Earth
HOBBIES: Traveling, Movies
Family Time
STRENGTH: Medium



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



A staple cigar. This affordable cigar from La Gloria Cubana offers a very well balanced blend between smoothness and flavor. Despite being a medium cigar, the blend is perfect, offering an unexpected and very rich balance. With natural notes of leather, wood and soft pepper, this tobacco, with its perfect burn, is without a doubt one of my favorites. Great for any time of the day!

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Coffee, Cognac, and IPA



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The Griffin's Special Edition 2016



WILLIAM

TASTE: Nutty, Woody
Pepper, Cream
HOBBIES: Video Games
Watching Football
STRENGTH:
Medium-Full



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



Right off the bat! The Griffin's special edition Robusto delivered a mix of cocoa, a little of black pepper and cedar notes. It is an amazing cigar to start the night off with. Cocoa and cedar notes moved into the forefront quickly with a mix of spices that mixed well with the sweetness of the cigar but for the first third this was an amazing cigar. During the second third, the cedar notes began to increase, and the cocoa notes decreased. At the end of the second third, the cedar notes were in the forefront while the cocoa was in the background and the pepper notes were just hitting the right notes. As The Griffin's special edition Robusto moved into the last third, the flavor profile pretty much stayed the same. The cedar notes were still strong and there still was a mix of cocoa and natural tobacco in the background. This is the way the cigar experience ended, and I would recommend to pair this cigar with a gentleman Jack whiskey.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Jack Daniels Whiskey



La Gloria Cubana Natural Wavell

Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



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Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



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L'Atelier Surrogates Big Ten Robusto



GABRIEL

TASTE: All
HOBBIES: Playing guitar
Movies, Reading
STRENGTH: Medium / Full



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



Nothing makes you want to try a cigar like a big red exclamation point on the box. Am I right? The L'Atelier Surrogates Big Ten is a solid medium bodied and flavorful Habano seed offering from Tatuaje. The first third brings a potent amount of spice, as expected from the brand, accompanied by a faint nutty sweetness. Smoking into the subsequent third, the spice subsides, making way for those nice Habano notes of toasted nuts and cream. Further down the stick, I got some pleasant sweetness and a subtle return of that initial spice. The final third is full of notes of coffee spice that leave a nice finish on the pallet. As a pairing, I'd recommend something sweet like a bourbon or rum to cut through some of that spice.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Bourbon or Rum



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La Galera Maduro Vitola No. 1



SAMUEL

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



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



The La Galera Maduro No. 1 is a short, flavorful, and well balanced medium to full bodied Dominican. Wrapped in a nice maduro San Andres wrapper that acts the part carrying a rich, but not overbearing flavor profile including coco, cedar, a gentle spice, and a light natural sweetness. The vitola smoked for this review was the No. 1, at 3.25 inches and a 50 ring gauge. It is short enough to fit in at lunch but has a standard girth. Total smoke time for me was just under 20 minutes. Burn, draw, and construction were perfect, and it did not get bitter or harsh towards the end. If La Galera is a brand you're unfamiliar with, the blender behind the scenes is Jochy Blanco. Still lost? Jochy has been a part of the creation of many staple names in the boutique marketplace such as La Flor Dominicana, Aging Room, Kristoff, and Matilde. With approachable single or box pricing to die for, this is a great try for any medium or full strength smoker.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: IPA, Port Wine, or Stout Beer



L'Atelier Surrogates Big Ten Robusto

Date smoked:

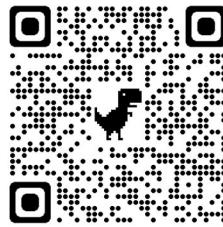
I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



La Galera Maduro Vitola No. 1

Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



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Punch Natural Double Corona



JOSE

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



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



The Punch Natural Double Corona is a straight forward cigar. And often times, it's what I'm looking for in a cigar. No eclectic notes of "buttered blueberry muffins" or "autumnal candy corn." Just warm tobacco sweetness. And this long, lean stick has it! Its rustic, reddish Ecuadorian Sumatra-seed wrapper had a bit of plume on the body. Prior to lighting, I did pick up some grassy notes along with the sweetness. As this double corona burned, the tobacco sweetness dominated but it was accompanied by faint notes of baker's spice. As for the draw it was tight. I had to work really hard to bring the air through this long body. The draw did loosen up at the halfway point. However, the burn was sharp, but the ash was dark. Overall, this is a one-dimensional cigar, which is just fine if you're anything like me and enjoy the warm soulful aroma tobacco brings. As for strength, it started medium and crept up to full without being overpowering.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Café Cubano (aka Cuban-style espresso)



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Alec Bradley Black Market Churchill



LUIS

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



APPEARANCE



DRAW



BURN



AROMA



TASTE



The Black Market by Alec Bradley had a beautiful Nicaraguan Maduro wrapper, but what called my attention was the presentation. Once you take off the paper sheath, you're left with a very simple band. The contrast of the black and white against the maduro wrapper provides something nice to look at while you're smoking. As for the flavor, I got rich maduro notes of earth, chocolate, and coffee. The earth was not overbearing, though there was a lingering aftertaste of earth and leather throughout the cigar. Upon light up and throughout the first third there was a nice bit of spice present on the tip of my tongue, though that disappeared throughout the later portions of the cigar. It was just enough to make the cigar interesting, without being overbearing. The construction was excellent, with a perfect draw and a burn that only required minor touch-ups throughout the rather long smoking time, well over an hour and a half.

PAIRING SUGGESTION: Coffee or Coke



Punch Natural Double Corona

Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors:



Alec Bradley Black Market Churchill

Date smoked:

I was drinking:

I liked:

I did not like:

Strength:

Flavors: