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CIGAR SPECS

Cigar Date of Creation _____

Review Date _____

BRAND (e.g. Arturo Fuente, Padrón, etc.) | LINE (e.g. Hemingway, 1964 Anniversary, etc.) | LINE EXTENSION | SPECIAL EDITION/NICKNAME

VITOLA NAME (e.g. Robusto, Churchill, Panatela, etc.) | L x RG | WRAPPER COLOR (e.g. Colorado, Rosado, Maduro, etc.) | PRICE





Country of Origin | Factory | Box/Bundle # | Parejo Figurado | Head Type | Foot Type
| Box Pressed Round |

WRAPPER (e.g. Country, Region, Seed Varietal, Priming) _____

BINDER _____ FILLERS _____

PRE-SMOKE

Write 0 - 10 Rating In Circle

CIGAR APPEARANCE  BAND & DRESS ATTRACTIVENESS  FLAVOR  DRAW 
0 NO VALUE—5 GOOD—10 GREAT

CUTTER USED Guillotine Scissor Teeth Piercer Punch V or Cat's Eye Other _____

SMOKING CONDITIONS Inside Outside Alone w/ Others Windy Celebrating Other _____

SMOKE

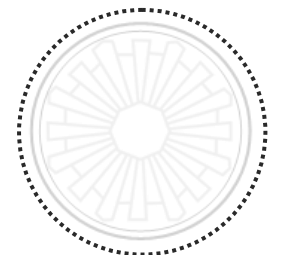
Write 0 - 10 Rating In Circle

SMOKING ISSUES Canoeing Inward Burn Re-Lighting Smoked Hot Tight Draw Touch Ups Other _____

TASTE  AROMA  COMPLEXITY  SPICE 
0 NO VALUE—5 GOOD—10 GREAT 0 NO VALUE—5 AVERAGE—10 EXTREME

STRENGTH  BODY  FINISH 
(NICOTINE) 0 NO VALUE—5 MEDIUM—10 FULL/LONG

X _____
Signature



OVERALL RATING

SMOKE: Flavor & Sensation/Mouthfeel Descriptors

Select & Note Your Perceptions

Bitter Buttery Creamy Dry/Tannic Hot Salivating Salty Savory Sour/Tart Spicy Sweet Umami

FLAVOR CATEGORIES: Flowers | Sweet | Animal | Earth | Vegetable | Mineral & Chemical | Nut | Toasted | Herb | Wood

Flavor Notes...

POST SMOKE Smoked: >Half | Half | To Band | Band | Nub Smoking Time _____ # Smoked _____

Pairing Comments...

Final Thoughts...

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- ① RATING 0 to 10: the methodology we use to rate cigars; where zero (0) has no value and ten (10) has the highest.
- ① VITOLA: refers to the specific size (length x ring gauge) and shape of a cigar within a given brand.
- ① PAREJO & FIGURADO: *parejos* are straight sided while *figurados* taper and bulge to create a specific look and smoking effect.
- ① LxRG: the abbreviation for length and ring gauge - the diameter of a cigar as measured in 64ths of an inch.
- ① HEAD & FOOT TYPE: finished cigar heads can be traditional round/convex, box pressed, flat, tapered, pyramid, belicoso, pig tail, honeycomb and combinations thereof. The foot of a cigar can be traditional flat, closed, perfecto, or tapered hybrid.
- ① WRAPPER COLOR: in the US, the most general classifications are natural and maduro but there are myriad variations.
- ① WRAPPER, BINDER & FILLER: components of a premium cigar. Factors like [country](#), region, farm, [seed varieties](#), [priming](#), [stalk-cutting](#), [fermentation](#) (e.g. [maduro](#)) are fundamental to the cigar's ultimate organoleptic properties.
- ① CUTTER: the cutter and technique you use will effect how a cigar smokes; and people typically have a personal preference.
- ① SMOKING CONDITIONS: both the physical conditions and your emotional state will impact your [smoking experience](#).
- ① DRAW: describes how easily a cigar allows air to pull through it. While preferences vary, a cigar must draw to smoke.
- ① FLAVOR: an often misunderstood term which refers to the combination of *taste* and *aroma*; not just one or the other.
- ① TASTE: levels and variations of salt, sweet, sour, bitter and umami which are sensed with taste buds on our tongue.
- ① AROMA: a distinctive and pleasant smell. Our sense of smell is exponentially greater than our ability to taste.
- ① COMPLEXITY: refers to the sophistication and nuance you perceive in the flavor (taste + aroma) of tobaccos.
- ① SPICE: the variable physical sensation in the mouth, lips, tongue, throat, nose and nasal passages.
- ① STRENGTH: is the effect created by the nicotine in the cigar; it does NOT describe *body*, *flavor* or *spice*.
- ① BODY: the breadth and depth (spectrum) of *flavor*; also referred to as richness and fullness and is perceived as *mouthfeel*.
- ① FINISH: refers to the spectrum and time that lingering flavors and sensations are left behind on the palate.



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