

90 CASA MAGNA OSCURO Robusto



	PANELIST #1	PANELIST #2	PANELIST #3	
<b>AESTHETICS</b>	This cigar was smooth and firm to the touch. A nice looking cigar.	No noticeable spots on the wrapper. It's just a nice, dark veiny wrapper	A very pretty dark cigar with a silky wrap, very attractive and appealing.	<b>ORIGIN</b> Honduras <b>MAKER</b> SAG Imports <b>FILLER</b> Honduras, Nicaragua <b>BINDER</b> Honduras <b>WRAPPER</b> Honduras <b>SIZE</b> 5 x 54 <b>PRICE</b> \$6.00
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	The cigar was easy to light and had a nice easy draw. The ash was a nice gray color that stayed on.	Tightly wrapped with no soft spots. The draw is effortless, but it did tighten up in some spots. The burn was even.	This cigar had a tight roll and drew well with a good pressure drop. The last 1/3 of the cigar did smoke a little hot.	
<b>FLAVOR AND STRENGTH</b>	This was a very mild cigar nothing that stood out. They never got bitter but they just lacked any real character.	Medium bodied, strong earth flavors, hints of cocoa. Not as strong as you'd expect from its muscled, veiny appearance.	A full-bodied cigar with earthy overtones, some woody flavors mixed in with a little salt and chocolate.	
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	All three samples were consistent in texture and appearance. I would buy these if they weren't too expensive. <b>85 good</b>	A good smoke with flavors that would develop with additional aging. The cigar looks and feels great. <b>90 very good</b>	Definitely an excellent after dinner cigar. I would recommend those who like a full-bodied smoke after a nice steak. <b>94 excellent</b>	

91 GUILLERMO LEÓN BY LA AURORA Gran Corona



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<b>AESTHETICS</b>	Very weak and bland looking with a light color that was very unpleasing.	Milk chocolate silky wrapper, well constructed, and beautifully capped.	A light brown wrapper that looked nicely rolled and had a sweet smell.	<b>ORIGIN</b> Dominican Republic <b>MAKER</b> La Aurora <b>FILLER</b> Brazil, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Peru <b>BINDER</b> Cameroon, Dominican Rep. <b>WRAPPER</b> Ecuador <b>SIZE</b> 6 x 47 <b>PRICE</b> \$8.50
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	Within two puffs the stick turned mushy but still drew well. It also burned fair with decent looking light.	Perfect prelight draw. Fragrant prelight aroma. Toasting the foot charms my nose with honey, fresh cut hay.	This cigar had a smooth and solid prelight draw. Once lit it offered a nice cool flow of smoke with every puff.	
<b>FLAVOR AND STRENGTH</b>	This cigar was harsh at first, but then smooth and creamy in the middle, met with a little spice burst at the end.	Starting off nice and gentle, very fine flavor of cedar and cream. Smoking this cigar makes me think of dessert.	This started off with a bit of a kick, but then settled into a nice sweet middle with lots of creamy delicious smoke.	
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	I probably wouldn't add this cigar to my little humidor family. I found it a little too unbalanced for my palate. <b>86 very good</b>	A definite conversation piece, light up, and savor every inch of this bad boy. Enjoy its mild and tender flavor. <b>93 excellent</b>	I would buy these again if they weren't too expensive and would definitely enjoy them on my porch in the summer. <b>93 excellent</b>	

90 LA PALINA ALISON



	PANELIST #1	PANELIST #2	PANELIST #3	
<b>AESTHETICS</b>	A sweet and solid wrapper that evenly consistent all the way around.	Somewhat ugly, veiny and a bit lumpy. A nice brown color offsets its roughness.	This wrapper had a nice medium brown look with a few veins along the side.	<b>ORIGIN</b> Bahamas <b>MAKER</b> Graycliff Cigars <b>FILLER</b> Honduras, Nicaragua <b>BINDER</b> Costa Rica <b>WRAPPER</b> Ecuador <b>SIZE</b> 6 x 52 <b>PRICE</b> \$22.00
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	I was happy rolling it in my fingers and was nicely surprised by the decent burn that stayed even and cool throughout.	Medium weight—predraw has zero resistance. Light gray ash. Very easily broken at the 3/4 inch mark.	This had an excellent pre-light draw and a post-light draw that brought along plenty of tasty smoke with each puff.	
<b>FLAVOR AND STRENGTH</b>	Disappointed in the lack of flavor and strength. It turned very mild a third of the way in with a little pepper flavor.	A bit of spice off the light, but softens to a creamy floral aftertaste. Medium in body. Halfway through, it mellows in spice.	This baby came out kicking, but then started to settle down and offer a more floral bouquet. Ends like a sweet desert.	
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	Overall, a smokable stick that was decent with food but totally lost when paired with whisky. Too weak for me. <b>85 very good</b>	Enjoyed outside with a black cup of joe. This is a medium-bodied stick that you can give an hour of attention to. <b>92 excellent</b>	I would buy these cigars again if the price point was right. It hit mostly good notes and deserved my attention. <b>93 excellent</b>	

94 PERDOMO<sup>2</sup> Epicure



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<b>AESTHETICS</b>	This was an ever-so-slight box-press with a nice amount of oil on the wrapper.	A rich brown wrapper on a box-press with some slight veins. Very inviting.	A nice oily dark brown wrapper with a few veins and a nice shiny sheen.	<b>ORIGIN</b> Nicaragua <b>MAKER</b> Tabacalera Perdomo <b>FILLER</b> Nicaragua <b>BINDER</b> Nicaragua <b>WRAPPER</b> Nicaragua <b>SIZE</b> 5 1/2 x 52 <b>PRICE</b> \$5.50
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	This cigar was masterfully rolled! It was packed with tobacco, but still offered a nice cool and consistent draw.	A nice tightly-packed cigar that seems surprisingly light in the hand. It burns even throughout and has a long ash.	Packed full of tobacco. There was a straight-forward prelight draw that carried some sweet tobacco flavors.	
<b>FLAVOR AND STRENGTH</b>	A medium-bodied cigar with a woody, flavors and quite a bit of spice at the start! Sweet cocoa comes in halfway through.	This cigar starts off with a nice peppery punch, but after about an inch in, it starts to bring in some sweetness.	Burned consistently and with lots of billowing flavorful smoke. A nice complex balance of oak, pepper, and chocolate.	
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	A nice consistent draw and enjoyable flavors. This was a great cigar that was worth smoking and contemplating. <b>95 excellent</b>	The construction was top-notch, and the flavor profile was interesting enough that I would buy these again. <b>96 superior</b>	I would definitely smoke this again and recommend to others. Paired nice with a peated Scotch or Maker's Mark. <b>91 excellent</b>	