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FEATURED CIGAR

LA AROMA DE CUBA MI AMOR MAGNIFICO

NICARAGUA ■ PRICE: \$7.50 ■ BODY: MEDIUM

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93 POINTS

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OUTSTANDING MEXICO

LA AROMA DE CUBA MI AMOR features a very different take on Ashton's Aroma de Cuba brand. This new installment, made by José "Pepin" Garcia in Nicaragua, is crafted with a Mexican wrapper grown from Cuban seed. The unusual wrapper type combined beautifully with Nicaraguan filler and binder. See page two for details.



A CAVALCADE OF INTRIGUING NEW CIGARS

OUR CONTINUING COVERAGE OF THE NEW CIGARS FROM IPCPR

showcases a variety of interesting takes on handmade cigars. Some, such as the Diamond Crown Julius Caesar (not a typo, pictured at far left) and the Rocky Patel Fifteenth Anniversary (second from right), are celebratory in nature. The Quesada Tributo (second from left) is commemorative in a different way, honoring four fallen members of the Quesada family. There are mild Connecticut cigars (such as the Oliva, right) and strong Cuban-seed smokes. There are bargains for everyday puffing as well as expensive treasures for special occasions. Coverage begins on page four.

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TASTING REPORT

LA AROMA DE CUBA MI AMOR

NEW RELEASE—VERTICAL BRAND TASTING

Country: Nicaragua

Maker: My Father Cigars Inc.

Distributor: Ashton Distributors Inc.

Filler: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Wrapper: Mexico

Release Date: August 2010

MAGNIFICO

93 POINTS ■ 6" x 52 ■ \$7.50 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

Toothy and box-pressed, this smoke has a fine draw and delivers rich coffee flavors, which gain in intensity. A vanilla sweetness and citrus notes also come through.

Body: Medium

CHURCHILL

91 POINTS ■ 7" x 50 ■ \$7.85 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

A dark, box-pressed cigar whose even draw imparts heavy hickory notes that develop into caramel, nougat and floral flavors. A complex smoke.

Body: Medium

BELICOSO

90 POINTS ■ 5 1/2" x 54 ■ \$7.75

This pressed mini-torpedo smokes evenly, offering a consistent balance of woody flavors, sweet nougat notes and touches of nuttiness on the palate.

Body: Medium to Full

ROBUSTO

89 POINTS ■ 5" x 50 ■ \$6.75

Solidly constructed with an even draw, though it has an uneven burn. Cedary coconut flavors are followed by a tea note and an oily-tasting finish.

Body: Medium to Full

VALENTINO

88 POINTS ■ 5 3/4" x 58 ■ \$8.00

A very thick cigar that is difficult to keep lit. Lots of licorice and woody notes come through, which linger on the palate for a fairly long finish.

Body: Medium

BRAND SUMMARY: The La Aroma de Cuba brand has had an interesting history since it was launched by Ashton Distributors Inc. The vintage brand was resurrected and released in late 2002 as a reasonably priced cigar made with a Honduran wrapper at the Flor de Copan factory, which is owned by Altadis U.S.A. Inc. In 2008, Ashton contracted José "Pepin" Garcia to make a brand offshoot called La Aroma de Cuba Edición Especial. It was, and still is, produced in Nicaragua, and co-exists with the original brand. By 2009, Ashton moved production of the core line from Altadis and turned it over to Garcia in Nicaragua. At this year's IPCPR tradeshow, Ashton released the La Aroma de Cuba Mi Amor, another Garcia production made at the My Father Cigars factory in Nicaragua. Mi Amor distinguishes itself from its predecessors by using a dark, Mexican wrapper. This blend of tobacco worked remarkably well on the Magnifico, which scored 93 points.

Average Rating: 90.2 points

JOYA DE NICARAGUA ANTAÑO DARK COROJO

NEW SIZE

Country: Nicaragua

Maker: Fabrica de Tabacos Joya de Nicaragua S.A.

Distributor: Drew Estate

Filler: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Release Date: August 2010

NIVELADORA

88 POINTS ■ 6" x 52 ■ \$8.75

Dark, pressed and excessively oily, this cigar draws well but burns unevenly. It's a strong, hearty smoke that delivers woody notes and heavy spice to the palate.

Body: Full

100 POINT SCALE

95-100: Classic ■ 90-94: Outstanding ■ 80-89: Very good to excellent ■ 70-79: Average to good commercial quality
Below 70: Don't waste your money ■ N/A: Not Available *Note: Prices are manufacturers' suggested retail, before taxes.*

GURKHA EVIL

VERTICAL BRAND TASTING

Country: Dominican Republic

Maker: Tabacalera Las Lavas S.R.L

Distributor: Beach Cigar Group Inc.

Filler: Nicaragua

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Brazil

Release Date: August 2009

TORO

90 POINTS ■ 6" x 50 ■ \$7.66

Solidly rolled in a silky wrapper, this toro is a strong smoke, delivering a combination of sweet and spicy flavors in the form of dark chocolate and red pepper.

Body: Full

TORPEDO

90 POINTS ■ 6 1/2" x 53 ■ \$8.05

An attractive torpedo that smokes evenly. The smoke is very toasty in character with hints of roasted nuts and a pleasant floral finish.

Body: Medium to Full

CHURCHILL

89 POINTS ■ 7 1/2" x 52 ■ \$7.85

Covered in a nearly veinless wrapper, this large cigar has a full, easy draw. It's a primarily woody cigar with some sweet fruity notes and a marshmallow finish.

Body: Medium

XO

87 POINTS ■ 6" x 60 ■ \$9.25

Dark and well rolled with an oily wrapper and even combustion. It's a toasty, woody smoke showing some sweetness as well as some acidity.

Body: Medium

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ROBUSTO

86 POINTS ■ 5" x 50 ■ \$7.54

A thick, hefty smoke that draws and burns unevenly. Wood, nut and fruit flavors turn overly sweet, becoming almost saccharine.

Body: Medium

BRAND SUMMARY: Blended by Gurkha's sales reps, this cigar is one of the least expensive brands that the company makes. It was originally produced in Honduras at the Scandinavian Tobacco Group Danlí, factory (when Gurkha cigars were made by Toraño), but after further corporate consolidation and Toraño's divestiture from the Scandinavian Tobacco group, Gurkha brand owner Kaizad Hansotia enlisted a factory in the Dominican Republic to make his Evil brand, among others. The name comes from a comment made by Hansotia concerning the blend when it was first released at last year's IPCPR trade show. "This cigar is pure evil," he said, referring to the strength. To the contrary, we found them to be quite pleasant, especially the Toro and the Torpedo. Both scored 90 points on account of their consistent flavors.

Average Rating: 88.4 points

EL REY DEL MUNDO

NEW SIZE

Country: Cuba

Maker: N/A

Distributor: Habanos S.A., via InterTabak AG

Filler: Cuba

Binder: Cuba

Wrapper: Cuba

Box Date: March 2010

ELEGANTES EXCLUSIVO SUIZA

91 POINTS ■ 5 1/2" x 50 ■ 17.50 SW. FR. ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

Made with a handsome, three-seam cap, this cigar goes from coffee and leather flavors to a graham cracker sweetness. Complex and elegant.

Body: Medium

100 POINT SCALE

95-100: Classic ■ 90-94: Outstanding ■ 80-89: Very good to excellent ■ 70-79: Average to good commercial quality
Below 70: Don't waste your money ■ N/A: Not Available *Note: Prices are manufacturers' suggested retail, before taxes.*

CIGAR NEWS

CIGAR NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: THE NEW CIGARS OF 2010, PART THREE

BY GREGORY MOTTOLA AND DAVID SAVONA

Our exhaustive coverage of the myriad new cigars that are coming to market continues. In part three of our IPCPR roundup (arranged alphabetically by company) we look at everything from a green (candela) cigar from the maker of Illusione, a cigar named for an emperor by J.C. Newman, a smoke made to look like a world traveller from Rocky Patel, and even an ultra-bargain cigar that sells for less than \$3 apiece.

HONDURAS CARIBBEAN LLC

CARMELO RED

Made by: Honduras Caribbean S.A., Honduras

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$5.75 to \$9.00

Details: This small brand (now available in some 200 shops) has been on the market since 2006. Run by Clayton Phillips and Desiree Udell, Carmelo Red comes in eight sizes, ranging in length from four inches to seven inches.

ILLUSIONE

ILLUSIONE CLARO

Made by: Fabrica de Tabacos Raices Cubanas S. de R.L., Honduras

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$8.95 to \$11.65

Details: Brand owner Dion Giolito took three of his existing sizes in the core Illusione line and put a green candela (or claro) wrapper around them. The hl (7/12 by 40), 888 (6 3/4 by 48) and 88 (5 by 52) have all gone green. The hl

and 888 retail for \$9.75, the 88, \$8.95.

Also: The hl comes in a new maduro wrapper as well, giving the hl size three versions. The Illusione 42/G, a 7 1/2 by 49 double corona, now comes in a box-pressed variety called Slam for \$11.65.

ILLUSIONE SINGULARES PHANTOM

Made by: Fabrica de Tabacos Raices Cubanas S. de R.L., Honduras

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$12.00

Details: A yearly, limited-edition release. The 2010 size is called Phantom, measuring 6 by 50. It uses tobacco culled from a single farm, hence the name.

J.C. NEWMAN CIGAR CO.

DIAMOND CROWN JULIUS CAESER

Made by: Tabacalera A. Fuente y Cia., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Dom. Rep.

Price: \$11.00 to \$17.00

Details: Despite some Internet accusations, the spelling of Caesar on this cigar box is not a typographical error—it's how J.C. Newman founder Julius Caesar Newman spelled his middle name. This cigar was created for J.C. Newman's 115th anniversary. The cigar will come in leather boxes of 20. Production is limited to only 500 cigars of each size. It comes in four formats, all of which will have a 52 ring gauge: Churchill, Toro, Torpedo and Robusto.



BRICK HOUSE MIGHTY MIGHTY

Factory: Fabrica de Tabacos San Rafael S.A., Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$5.95

Details: A hefty addition to the Brick House line, the Mighty Mighty measures 6 by 60 and the name takes its inspiration from the song Brick House, whose lyrics say: “She’s mighty mighty, just lettin’ it all hang out.”

LA PALINA CIGARS

LA PALINA 1896

Made by: Graycliff Cigar Co., Bahamas

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Costa Rica

Filler: Honduras and Nicaragua

Price: \$19.00

Details: The La Palina brand was created in 1896 when Ukrainian immigrant Samuel Paley opened Congress Cigar Co. in Chicago, which in 1910 was moved to Philadelphia. His son William S. Paley joined the company, but his legend would be made in radio, not cigars—he created Columbia Broadcasting System, the CBS radio network. In 1926, Sam retired and Congress Cigar was liquidated. Earlier this year, William C. Paley, William’s son, launched the reborn La Palina cigar in June, which is now made in the Bahamas by Graycliff Cigar Co. The first incarnation was the 1896, named for the year the original La Palina was created. The 1896 comes solely in the robusto format, measuring 4 3/4 by 52 ring gauge.

What Makes it Special: A limited-edition run, with only 15,000 cigars made.

LA PALINA FAMILY SERIES

Made by: Graycliff Cigar Co., Bahamas

Wrapper: Ecuador (Alison and Little Bill size) Costa Rica (Babe and Pasha size)

Binder: Costa Rica

Filler: Honduras and Nicaragua

Price: \$18.00 to \$23.00

Details: This four-size group of cigars is named after members of Paley’s family. The Little Bill takes his family nickname and is a perfecto measuring 4 3/4 by 52. Alison, a 6 by 52 torpedo, is named for his wife. Babe is named for his mother, and is a robusto measuring 5 1/4 by 50. The Pasha, the largest cigar in the line, measuring 7 1/2 by 50 ring, is named after CBS founder



William S. Paley. The Pasha has Graycliff’s trademark bushy, uncut foot.

Also: Little Bill and Alison, which are made with Ecuadoran wrappers, have a second band that reads ligero.

LOS BLANCOS CIGAR CO. INC.

PRIMOS CLASSIC SUMATRA

Made by: Segovia Factory, Nicaragua

Wrapper: Indonesia

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$2.26 to \$2.72

Details: Marketed as the “stimulus package” cigar by brand owner David Blanco, this bundle brand is very inexpensive. The cigars are not made with long-filler tobacco. Blanco calls the filler “medium filler,” claiming the tobacco isn’t chopped as small as traditional short filler. The cigar is a line extension of the original Primos brand. It comes in four sizes: Double Corona, 7 by 52; Torpedo, 6 1/2 by 52; Toro, 6 by 52; and Robusto, 5 by 52.

What Makes it Special: Every size retails for under \$3.

MIAMI CIGAR & CO.

GUILLERMO LEÓN

Made by: La Aurora S.A., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Cameroon and Dom. Rep.

Filler: Peru, Dom. Rep., Brazil, Nicaragua

Price: \$7.50 to \$9.76

Details: This four-size line is named for the head of the cigar division of La Aurora S.A., the oldest cigar company in the Dominican Republic. The cigars are made with two binder leaves and have a Cuban-seed Ecuadoran wrapper. It comes in four sizes: Corona (5 1/2 by 42, \$7.50); Gran Corona (6 by 47, \$8.50); Gran Toro (6 by 58, \$9.76) and Belicoso (6 1/4 by 52, \$9.26).

What Makes it Special: This is the first time La Aurora has used two binders on one cigar.

NESTOR MIRANDA ART DECO

Made by: My Father Cigars Inc., Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Dom. Rep. and Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua, Dom. Rep.

Price: \$6.65 to \$8.60

Details: This Pepin-made cigar is unusual due to its large

amount of Dominican tobacco. (Pepin typically works primarily with Nicaraguan leaf.) The cigars will come in metallic boxes of 21 cigars. There are three sizes: Coffee Break (4 1/2 by 50); Robusto Grande (5 1/2 by 54) and Gran Toro (6 by 60).

MY FATHER CIGARS INC.

MY FATHER LIMITED EDITION 2010

Made by: My Father Cigars Inc., Nicaragua
Wrapper: Ecuador
Binder: Nicaragua
Filler: Nicaragua
Price: \$20.00



Details: Pepin and Jaime Garcia, the father-and-son team behind My Father Cigars, made cigars for a living before they owned their own cigar factory. For this special version of the My Father brand, the two went back to their roots, sat at rolling tables and literally made cigars. Jaime did the bunching, Pepin did the rolling. The total run was 24,000 cigars. The cigar is made with copious amounts of Pelo d'Oro seed that the Garcias grew in Nicaragua. "For me," Pepin said, "it's the best Cuban seed ever—but it's very difficult." He won't grow it again—the yield is too low, the leaf too susceptible to blue mold and other pests. The cigar, which comes in one size (6 1/2 by 52) should be out in September. It will come in boxes of 12 cigars.

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OLIVA CIGAR CO.

OLIVA CONNECTICUT WRAPPER RESERVE DOUBLE TORO

Made by: Tabacalera Oliva S.A., Nicaragua
Wrapper: Ecuador
Binder: Nicaragua
Filler: Nicaragua
Price: \$7.60

Details: Oliva is adding a new hefty size to its Connecticut Wrapper Reserve line, which is made with Connecticut-seed wrapper grown in Ecuador. The Double Toro measures 6 inches by 60 ring and ships in boxes of 10.

CAIN NUB HABANO 460, 464T

Made by: Tabacalera Oliva S.A., Nicaragua
Wrapper: Nicaragua
Binder: Nicaragua
Filler: Nicaragua
Price: \$6.28, \$6.80

Details: Sam Leccia is combining his two cigar lines, Cain and NUB, by offering Cain blends in squat Nub sizes. The 460 measures 4 inches by 60 ring, the 464T is a 4 inch by 64 ring torpedo. Both sizes will also be offered in Cain Maduro, which has a Brazilian wrapper.



PADILLA CIGARS

PADILLA ARTEMIS

Made by: Fabrica de Tabacos Raices Cubanas S. de R.L., Honduras
Wrapper: Nicaragua
Binder: Nicaragua
Filler: Nicaragua
Price: \$10.00 to \$15.00

Details: Padilla brand owner Ernesto Padilla was still hammering out the final details on Padilla Artemis, but at press time he intended to do a toro, robusto, torpedo and a double torpedo size. All will be box pressed, made with Aganorsa leaf, and sold through brick-and-mortar stores. **Also:** Padilla is working on an inexpensive, medium-bodied brand called La Terraza. The cigar will come in Nicaraguan (Habano) or Brazilian (Maduro) wrapper, and it will come in four sizes, robusto, toro, torpedo and 6 by 60 (even though Padilla is not a fan of such a fat cigar size.) The cigar, which is named for the restaurant in Cojimar, Cuba, where Hemingway once ate, is designed to be an "everyday medium body cigar."

PADRÓN CIGARS INC.

PADRÓN FAMILY RESERVE NO. 46

Made by: Tabacos Cubanica S.A., Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$25.00

Details: The Padrón family, makers of *Cigar Aficionado's* Cigar of the Year three out of six times, have started a tradition where they add a new size to their Family Reserve line each year that they release on their anniversary in September. The newest creation is the No. 46, a trunk-pressed corona gorda measuring 5 1/2 inches long by 56 ring gauge. The Padróns say they use some of their oldest tobaccos to make the Family Reserve cigars. The No. 46 was launched at a gala event at New York City's Grand Havana Room.

PALIÓ CUTTERS

ESENCIA CIGARS

Made by: Fabrica de Tabacos Raices Cubanas S. de R.L, Honduras

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$7.00 to \$11.50

Details: The company known for its double-edged cigar cutters now has a brand of its own—Esencia cigars. The brand owners will only ship cigars to merchants who carry their cutters. Esencia comes in five sizes: Churchill, 7 by 47; Corona Gorda, 5 5/8 by 46; Belicoso, 5 1/2 by 52; Petit Corona, 5 1/8 by 42; Robusto, 4 7/8 by 50.

Also: A gift pack with special sizes is available retailing for \$69.95. It includes a Palió cutter, an Esencia Lancero, a Cañonazo and Tres Petit Corona.

PAUL GARMIRIAN CIGARS

PAUL GARMIRIAN SYMPHONY 20

Made by: O.K. Cigars, Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Dom. Rep., Honduras

Price: \$17.00

Details: Created to celebrate the two-decade anniversary of Paul Garmirian cigars, this one-time-only, limited-edition

blend comes in one size, a 6 by 52 parejo known as the Connoisseur. Brand owner Paul Garmirian told *Cigar Insider* that limits on the wrapper tobacco (a hybrid of two Cuban seeds grown in Ecuador) restricted production to 40,000 cigars, or 2,000 boxes of 20.

PINAR DEL RIO CIGAR CO.

PDR 1878 CUBANO ESPECIAL CAPA MADURO

Made by: Tabacos Don Leoncio S.A, Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Brazil

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Nicaragua, Dom. Rep.

Price: \$4.25 to \$5.75

Details: Made with a dark Arapiraca wrapper and tight pigtail cap, this wallet-friendly line comes in eight sizes: Corona, 5 1/4 by 44; Robusto, 5 by 52; Toro, 6 by 52; Torpedo, 6 1/2 by 52; Short Toro, 5 1/2 54; Churchill, 7 by 54; Lancero, 7 1/4 by 38; and 6 x 60.

PREMIUM IMPORTS INC.

LA FLOR DOMINICANA AIR BENDER CHISEL

Made by: Tabacalera La Flor S.A., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Dom. Rep.

Price: \$8.50

Details: Litto Gomez has added his most distinctive shape—the Chisel—to his La Flor Dominicana Air Bender line. The Chisel has the same blend as the other Air Benders, but is made with a higher-priming wrapper, boosting its power. The cigar measures 6 1/2 by 54, half an inch longer than the La Flor Dominicana Double Ligero Chisel, which debuted in 2003.

LA FLOR DOMINICANA CHISEL SAMPLER

Made by: Tabacalera La Flor S.A., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Various

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Dom. Rep.

Price: \$40.00 (five cigars)

Details: This sampler consists of five cigars in the Chisel shape (6 inches long by 54 ring). Each has a different blend. Two (the Double Ligero and Double Ligero Maduro) are already on the market, but three (Ligero, Cameroon Cabinet, and Coronado by La Flor) are new, and only available via this sampler.

LA FLOR DOMINICANA SALOMONES MADURO

Made by: Tabacalera La Flor S.A., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Dom. Rep.

Price: \$23.80



Details: Made with a Habano-seed wrapper Litto Gomez calls “Habano Maduro,” this 7 inch by 64 Salomon is the darker version of his La Flor Dominicana Salomon, *Cigar Aficionado’s* No. 13 cigar of 2009 (it rated 92 points).

What Makes it Special: Only 2,000 boxes (20,000 cigars) are being made.

PRIDE CIGARS

PRIDE RITUAL

Made by: Pride Cigars, Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Dom. Rep.

Binder: Dom. Rep.

Filler: Dom. Rep.

Price: \$6.00 to \$7.00

Details: Pride is a small company that has been making cigars for four years, and this is the second year the cigars have been sold in the United States. The Pride Ritual is its newest creation, made to be stronger than its other lines. It comes in four sizes: Super Toro (6 by 60); Piramide (6 3/8 by 52); Robusto (5 1/4 by 50) and Toro (6 by 52).

PUROS INDIOS/CUBA ALIADOS

CUBA ALIADOS MIAMI SPECIAL EDITION



Made by: Puros Indios/Cuba Aliados Cigars, Miami

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Ecuador

Filler: Nicaragua, Dom. Rep.

Price: \$7.00 to \$9.00

Details: This Miami-made line consists of four sizes: Robusto (5 by 50); Valentino (7 by 49); Toro Viejo (6 by 53) and Torpedo (6 1/2 by 54). The company has changed its

name again, moving from Reyes Family Cigars back to its core of Puros Indios/Cuba Aliados. The company also has new packaging for Cuba Aliados (see photo in left column) that harkens back to its retro look.

REINADO CIGARS

REINADO

Made by: Cubanero Enterprises, Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$7.95 to \$9.95

Details: Cubanero Enterprises’ new Reinado (“reign”) brand was launched at IPCPR. Reinado is a Nicaraguan puro. It comes in three sizes: Robusto (5 1/2 by 50); Torpedo (6 1/8 by 52) and Churchill (7 5/8 by 48). Most are longer than the industry standard.

ROCKY PATEL PREMIUM CIGARS

ROCKY PATEL FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Made by: Tabacalera Villa Cuba (Tavicus), Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua,

Price: \$8.99 to \$10.75

Details: To commemorate his 15 years in the cigar business, Rocky Patel has released Rocky Patel Fifteenth Anniversary. It’s a dark, trunk-pressed cigar that’s wrapped in Ecuadorian tobacco grown from Habano seeds. It comes in four sizes: Corona Gorda, 6 by 46; Robusto, 5 by 50; Toro, 6 1/2 by 52 and Torpedo, 6 1/8 by 52.

CARGO

Made by: Tabacalera Villa Cuba (Tavicus), Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$4.50, \$4.95

Details: This Nicaraguan puro comes in boxes of 25 or even a whopping 500 cigars. They are decorated with antique stickers from around the world, as if the boxes had been world travelers. The brand comes in two sizes: Toro, 6 1/2 by 52 and Super Toro, 6 by 58.

Also: Rocky Patel will be releasing a decorative wall cigar for the holidays replete with 16 robustos. Five brands are available. And a bundle brand called Outback will come in four sizes retailing from \$2.70 to \$3.50 each.

S.A.G. IMPORTS INC.

QUESADA TRIBUTO

Made by: Manufactura de Tabacos S.A., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Honduras

Filler: Dom. Rep., Nicaragua

Price: \$5.25 to \$7.95

Details: The Quesada Tributo is the second cigar to bear the Quesada name, and was made by Manuel Quesada and his team of daughters, nephews and nieces. It uses a hybrid Ecuadoran wrapper spawned from four different seeds. Tributo, which translates to “tribute,” honors the departed members of the Quesada family. Each cigar is named after a loved one: Manolin, 6 1/2 by 60; Alvaro (a belicoso), 6 by 52; Julio, 5 by 50, and Alvarito, 4 1/2 by 40.

CASA MAGNA COLORADO DIADEMA

Made by: Segovia Cigars (Nestor Plasencia), Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$8.95

Details: This 6 3/4 by 54 double tapered figurado brings the line to nine sizes. It comes in boxes of 22 cigars.

Also: The Emperador Collector’s Box contains an assortment of 25 cigars (five different sizes at five sticks each). Two of the sizes, the Lancero and Perfecto, are available only in this limited-edition package.

FONSECA ESPECIAL

Made by: Manufactura de Tabacos S.A., Dom. Rep.

Wrapper: Honduras

Binder: Dom. Rep

Filler: Dom. Rep.

Price: \$8.75

Details: This thick, 6 by 54 cigar was passed around at the ProCigar festival earlier this year as a mystery cigar, but its components have now been disclosed as the Especial has been officially released. It comes in boxes of 20.

DANIEL MARSHALL 2

Made by: Segovia Cigars (Nestor Plasencia), Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$6.90 to \$7.50

Details: It’s been about five years since humidor artisan Daniel Marshall created his cigar brand. This new version was blended by Quesada and the Plasencias. The cigars, which are also called DM2s, come in boxes of 20, and are available in three sizes: Torpedo (6 1/4 by 54); Robusto (5 1/2 by 50) and Churchill (7 by 48). ■

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