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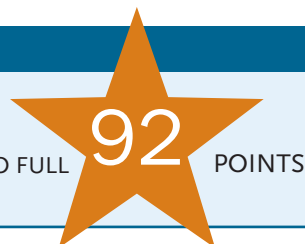
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NICARAGUA ■ PRICE: \$8.70 ■ BODY: MED. TO FULL

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92 POINTS

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## SAVINELLI DOS CAMPEONES

### OPEN A BOX OF THIS NEW BRAND

from Savinelli and you'll see two different smokes, one with a dark band and one with a light band. That's because when Steven Ysidron created the cigar and came down to his final two blends, he couldn't decide which one he liked better, so he put both in each box. Which one is best? See our vertical tasting on page two to find out.



## NEW CIGARS—BIG, SMALL AND IN BETWEEN

### THE MODERN-DAY CIGAR AFICIONADO LOVES A VARIETY OF SIZES.

The maestros behind cigar companies have created all manner of shapes and sizes, many of them evident in our latest coverage of new releases from the cigar industry trade show. The La Flor Dominicana Double Ligerero Digger (far left) is a massive smoke designed for those who find a 6 by 60 too diminutive. It measures 8 1/2 inches long by 60 ring gauge. The My Father Le Bijou 1922 Box-Pressed Torpedo (far right) is the first box-pressed cigar in the My Father line, which is made by the Garcia family of Nicaragua. There is room, of course, for traditional cigar sizes as well, such as the Padilla La Terraza (second from left) and the Rocky Patel Vintage 2003. Our coverage begins on page four.

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## TASTING REPORT

### SAVINELLI DOS CAMPEONES CORAJE

#### NEW RELEASE—VERTICAL BRAND TASTING

**Country:** Nicaragua

**Maker:** Tabacalera Estelí

**Distributor:** Savinelli U.S.A.

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Release Date:** August 2011

#### APICE

87 POINTS ■ 6" x 54 ■ \$10.00

A very dark and pointy torpedo with a matte wrapper and uneven burn. This is an earthy tasting smoke that also has notes of coffee and minerals on the palate.

**Body:** Medium to Full

#### CENTURION

87 POINTS ■ 5" x 52 ■ \$9.20

Loaded with initial notes of hickory wood and fruit, this dark robusto takes on a muddled and somewhat gummy note, especially on the finish.

**Body:** Full

#### ESTELIANO

86 POINTS ■ 4 1/2" x 48 ■ \$8.20

Solidly rolled with a coarse and veiny wrapper. Despite nutty vanilla notes in the beginning, the cigar is offset by strong acidity and metallic notes.

**Body:** Full

#### TRABAJADOR

86 POINTS ■ 4" x 56 ■ \$8.70

There is a vinegar scent on the foot of this cigar before lighting. A harsh start settles down to dark roasted coffee and wood. Could use more balance.

**Body:** Full

**BRAND SUMMARY:** The newest release from Savinelli, Dos Campeones translates into "two champions," which refers to the two blends found in the line. Each box of 20 cigars comes with

10 cigars of two different blends, Coraje and Sixto. The Coraje, which translates to "courage," was blended to be the stronger of the two. According to Steven Ysidron, he couldn't decide which blend he liked better before it was released, so his father Reuben suggested that he use both. The bands are adorned with gilded Old English lettering, though the Coraje has a lighter beige color scheme, while Sixto has a darker, browner design. The Coraje blend was certainly strong, as three of the four sizes registered as "full." The two best cigars of Coraje were the Apice and Centurion, both scoring 87 points. The line as a whole has plenty of power, but it could use more balance.

**Average Rating:** 86.5 points

### SAVINELLI DOS CAMPEONES SIXTO

#### NEW RELEASE—VERTICAL BRAND TASTING

**Country:** Nicaragua

**Maker:** Tabacalera Estelí

**Distributor:** Savinelli U.S.A.

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Release Date:** August 2011

#### TRABAJADOR

92 POINTS ■ 4" x 56 ■ \$8.70 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

This cigar exudes a rich aroma as it burns and imparts a complex smoke. There are hints of wood, leather and salt as well as sweet cherry and dark chocolate.

**Body:** Medium to Full

#### CENTURION

89 POINTS ■ 5" x 52 ■ \$9.20

A stout cigar wrapped in a dark, veiny cover leaf. Its substantial draw delivers a strong combination of dense coffee, black pepper and wood.

**Body:** Medium to Full

#### ESTELIANO

87 POINTS ■ 4 1/2" x 48 ■ \$8.20

Attractive and oily in appearance with a slightly firm draw. Strong harsh notes in the beginning turn lighter to show woody flavors and slight licorice.

**Body:** Medium to 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.*

## APICE

86 POINTS ■ 6" x 54 ■ \$10.00

Well rolled with a sharp, pointy tip, but the burn is uneven and blistered. Bold roasted meat notes are spiced with cinnamon and licorice, though the finish is sour.

**Body:** Medium to Full

**BRAND SUMMARY:** Open a box of Savinelli Dos Campeones and you'll find half of them are adorned with a lighter band reading "Coraje" and the other half with a darker band reading "Sixto." If you are in the mood for full-blown power, reach for the Coraje, as it is blended to be quite strong, and our vertical tasting found most of the cigars full bodied. If you are looking for more balance and flavor, the Sixto line is a better fit, and we found them medium to full in body. While the Sixto has less power, it performed better overall than its high-octane brother. The very best of the line was the Trabajador, which scored 92 points.

**Average Rating:** 88.5 points

## CASA MIRANDA

### NEW RELEASE—VERTICAL BRAND TASTING

**Country:** U.S.A.

**Maker:** El Titan de Bronze

**Distributor:** Miami Cigar & Co.

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Release Date:** August 2011

## TORO

88 POINTS ■ 6" x 52 ■ \$10.50

A tawny cigar that smokes evenly, starting out grassy before picking up some richness in the form of coffee bean and wood flavors.

**Body:** Medium to Full

## ROBUSTO

87 POINTS ■ 5" x 50 ■ \$10.00

Tawny and oily with a veiny wrapper and lopsided cap. The draw is a bit on the airy side, though offers a spicy, doughy smoke with touches of coconut and grass.

**Body:** Medium to Full

## TORPEDO

85 POINTS ■ 6" x 52 ■ \$11.00

An attractive pyramid whose salty, earthy notes are quickly overpowered by intensely spicy flavors that border on harsh.

**Body:** Medium to Full

**BRAND SUMMARY:** Casa Miranda, which comes wrapped in Ecuador Habano leaf, is a new Miami-made cigar line that was blended by Willy Herrera at El Titan de Bronze (before Herrera left to work for Drew Estate). The cigar is rolled at the tiny El Titan de Bronze factory in Calle Ocho and was released this summer. Casa Miranda was originally slated to be called Nestor Miranda Americano and was going to be released on the Fourth of July in keeping with the theme of American patriotism, but it didn't come out until later that month and was subsequently renamed. The Toro was the best of the line.

**Average Rating:** 86.7 points

## ROMEO Y JULIETA

### CURRENT RELEASE

**Country:** Cuba

**Maker:** N/A

**Distributor:** Habanos S.A.

**Filler:** Cuba

**Binder:** Cuba

**Wrapper:** Cuba

**Box Date:** January 2011

## CHURCHILL

91 POINTS ■ 7" x 47 ■ £19.47 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

An herbal beginning for this cigar, but as it warms it becomes richer and toasty, full of fresh tobacco flavor. The cigar is slightly pressed with a colorado wrapper.

**Body:** Medium

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## CIGAR NEWS

### SPECIAL REPORT: NEW CIGARS OF 2011 PART FOUR

BY GREGORY MOTTOLA, ANDREW NAGY AND DAVID SAVONA

The International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers trade show was the stage for scores of new cigars that are coming to market. In this issue we continue our comprehensive coverage of these smokes, with new releases from Padrón, Rocky Patel, Litto Gomez, My Father and more. Our coverage begins with surprising breaking news about a huge change for a 21-year-old cigar brand.

## MOORE & BODE CIGARS INC.

### MOORE & BODE (VARIOUS BRANDS)

Made by: Golden Tobacco Ltd., India

Tobacco: India, China, Turkey, United States, others

Price: \$0.55—\$19.40

**Details:** Moore & Bode is moving to Mumbai, India, to vastly expand the number of cigars the company produces. The boutique company, which has made cigars in Miami for 21 years, is small and extremely secretive, refusing to reveal any of the tobacco used in its blends. It had never attended the industry trade show, until this year, and spoke to *Cigar Aficionado* and *Cigar Insider* for the first time about the tobacco used in its cigars. All of Moore & Bode's cigar



brands: Flamboyant, Flamboyant Dark, Adelante, Izmir and even Miami, will be rolled in India by a company known as Golden Tobacco Ltd. The factory will also roll a new cigar the size of a cigarette (retailing for 55 cents) called Chairman's Product. Sharon Moore Bode, president of Moore & Bode, said some of her cigars would continue to be made in Miami, but under license. She added that her company might return to directly controlling Miami manufacturing "once our production is set in India." The new Indian-made Moore & Bode cigars will be packed in wooden boxes or small cartons, while the Miami-made cigars will come in soft packaging. "Our product is geared for export," explained Robert Bode. "We're not setting up in India to sell in India." The standard-size cigars, made with a variety of tobaccos including tobacco from India, China, Turkey and the United States, will retail for prices ranging from \$7.10 for The Bishop to \$19.40 for the Full Brass. Rolling in India is scheduled to begin later this month, and the cigars should go on sale in the United States by November.

**What makes it special:** This will likely be the only Indian-made cigar sold on the U.S. market.

## MY FATHER CIGARS INC.

### MY FATHER LE BIJOU 1922 BOX-PRESSED TORPEDO

Made by: My Father Cigars S.A., Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuador

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$11.75

**Details:** The My Father brands have become the linchpins for the Garcia family in Nicaragua. The original My Father was named for Jose "Pepin" Garcia, father to Jaime Garcia. Pepin then named My Father Le Bijou after his own father. This newest My Father Le Bijou is a box-pressed torpedo, and it measures 6 1/8 by 52. The wrapper is a dark variety that the company calls "Habano Oscuro Oscuro." Each cigar is finished with an orange foot band.

**What makes it special:** The first box-pressed cigar in the entire My Father line.





## JAIME GARCIA RESERVA ESPECIAL SUPER GORDO

**Made by:** My Father Cigars S.A., Nicaragua  
**Wrapper:** U.S.A./Conn. Broadleaf  
**Binder:** Nicaragua  
**Filler:** Nicaragua  
**Price:** \$9.50  
**Details:** An ultra-thick belicoso measuring 5 3/4 by 66 ring. It comes in boxes of 20.

## JAIME GARCIA RESERVA ESPECIAL LIMITED EDITION 2011

**Made by:** My Father Cigars S.A., Nicaragua  
**Wrapper:** U.S.A./Conn. Broadleaf  
**Binder:** Nicaragua  
**Filler:** Nicaragua  
**Price:** \$16.00  
**Details:** Wrapped in a leaf of viso-strength Connecticut Broadleaf, this 6 1/2 inch by 52 ring toro was blended to be extremely full bodied. The blend features a Cuban seed Pelo de Oro binder (a leaf the Garcias say has exceptional flavor, but is very difficult to grow) and two other Cuban-seed tobaccos in the filler. It will be offered in boxes of 16. One of the cigars in each box, however, will come in a light Connecticut Shade wrapper as a preview of next year's limited-edition release.  
**Also:** A My Father Cigars limited-edition humidor will include 50 Jaime Garcia Reserva Especial Limited Edition 2011 cigars and 50 My Father Limited Edition 2011 cigars. It's set to retail for around \$2,200.

## NAT SHERMAN INC.

### NAT SHERMAN TIMELESS COLLECTION

**Made by:** Factory TBD, Dom. Rep. and Nicaragua  
**Wrapper:** TBD  
**Binder:** TBD  
**Filler:** TBD  
**Price:** \$8.00—\$10.00 (est)  
**Details:** Nat Sherman is making big changes to its cigars, and the way they are sold. For years, Nat Sherman cigars were seen less and less in cigar stores and more and more in catalogs. In a move it has dubbed a "rebirth," the company hired Michael Herklots from Davidoff, giving him the new title of executive director, retail and brand development. The company also took back the brand's distribution from Cigars by Santa Clara (part of JR Cigars) and will now sell them direct to brick-and-mortar retailers. "The brand was born within a retail store," said Herklots. "We're going to launch a cigar the retailers want us to launch." The

new brand will be called Nat Sherman Timeless Collection. At the show, Nat Sherman was giving out seven samples for retailers to test (four Dominican made, three made in Nicaragua.) The final blends are being tested, and Herklots said it was likely that there would be a Nicaraguan blend and a Dominican blend. At least one of the lines should be available for a release later this year.

## OLIVA CIGAR CO.

### OLIVA CONNECTICUT RESERVE PETIT CORONA

**Made by:** Tabacalera Oliva S.A., Nicaragua  
**Wrapper:** Ecuador  
**Binder:** Nicaragua  
**Filler:** Nicaragua  
**Price:** \$3.95  
**Details:** This little 4 inch by 38 ring cigar comes in boxes of 30 and brings Oliva's Connecticut Reserve line to eight sizes. As with the other sizes in the line, the cigar is made with a Connecticut-seed wrapper grown in Ecuador.  
**Also:** Oliva has commenced an extensive tubo cam-



paign, putting many of its cigars in very handsome tubes. Every Cain 5 by 50 size now comes in a screw-bottom tube variety, as does every Nub 460. The Cain F Lancero also comes in a tube, along with the Connecticut Reserve Toro and Serie V Double Robusto. The company also has a limited-edition joint venture smoke coming out with Padilla (see page six for details).

## PADILLA CIGAR CO.

### PADILLA MIAMI 8&11

**Made by:** El Titan de Bronce, U.S.A.

**Wrapper:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$10.00

**Details:** Padilla Miami 8&11 was created in Miami in 2005. Back then it was made for Ernesto Padilla by El Rey de los Habanos, but in 2008 that relationship ended, and Padilla later began selling a Miami cigar that was made in Honduras. Padilla always had a soft spot for Miami production, and now he has a new Padilla Miami 8&11 being made at El Titan de Bronce—across the street from where it was born. The original prototypes of the cigar had a sharp, floral taste that Padilla didn't like; he traced it to cedar shavings in the aging room. The new cigars are being aged without the cedar shavings. The new cigar will have one size only to start: a Robusto measuring 5 by 50. The cigar should be on sale next month.

**What makes it special:** Padilla's return to Miami.

### PADILLA LA TERRAZA

**Made by:** Fabrica de Tabacos San Rafael S.A., Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Brazil and Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$4.50—\$5.00

**Details:** Inspired by the name of a fine Havana restaurant, Padilla La Terraza is Ernesto Padilla's least expensive cigar brand. It comes in five sizes: Toro Grande (6 by 60); Churchill (7 by 48); Toro (6 by 52); Torpedo (6 1/4 by 52) and Robusto (5 by 50). It comes in natural and maduro, the maduro version is made with Brazilian Arapiraca wrapper.



### PADILLA/ STUDIO TOBAC LIMITED EDITION

**Made by:** Tabacalera Oliva S.A., Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$14.00

**Details:** This joint venture between Padilla and Oliva Cigar Co.'s Studio Tobac arm has resulted in a figurado measuring 6 by 60. The cigar will be released in limited form, with only 1,000 boxes of ten cigars, for a full run of 10,000

cigars. Look for it in about two weeks. Said Oliva Cigar president José Oliva: "I'm excited to work with Padilla. I consider him to be one of the pioneers of the full-bodied, Cuban-style cigar."

**What makes it special:** A joint project between two major names in the premium cigar business.

## PADRÓN CIGARS INC.

### PADRÓN FAMILY BLEND NO. 85

**Made by:** Padrón Cigars Inc.

**Wrapper:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$20.00

**Details:** The Padróns have a tradition of releasing a cigar every year on the their anniversary under the name Family Blend. There was the No. 44, 45 and, last year, the No. 46, marking the company's 46th year. For 2011, however, they've taken a different tack, and are calling the cigar No. 85, celebrating the 85th birthday of company patriarch and founder José Orlando Padrón, who turned 85 in



June. The cigars measure 5 1/4 by 50 ring gauge, and come 10 to the box, five atop of five. They will hit the market in about three weeks.

**What makes it special:** Padrón is a company with serious tobacco inventories, and it typically uses some of its oldest leaves in Family Blend cigars.

## PAUL GARMIRIAN CIGARS

### P.G. ARTISAN'S PASSION

**Made by:** Occidental Cigars, Dom. Rep.

**Wrapper:** Dom. Rep.

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep.

**Price:** \$7.60—\$8.80

**Details:** The traditional Paul Garmirian has always been a pricey cigar. Since 1997 the company has offered its version of a value smoke, the Artisan's Selection. This new version, called Artisan's Passion, combines a less expensive P.G. with power. Rated 9.25 out of 10 on Garmirian's personal strength scale, the Artisan's Passion comes in three sizes: Toro (6 by 52, \$8.80); Super Robusto (5 by 54, \$8.20) and Short Robusto (4 1/2 by 52, \$7.60).

## PAUL STULAC CIGARS

### PAUL STULAC

**Made by:** Tabacalera Estelí, Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$9.00—\$15.00

**Details:** This new brand is made under contract in Nicaragua. The cigars feature a gothic design (complete with skulls, and a font ready for Halloween) and each cigar has a slim footband with the name of the vitola. Blended to have a medium body, they come in five sizes: Angel (5 by 58); Cross (6 by 64); Ghost (6 by 58); Phantom (6 by 53) and Skull (a 7 by 58 Salomone). A sixth size named Vampire, a 7 by 58 that will come in a tube, is in the works.

## PINAR DEL RIO CIGAR CO.

### PDR 1878 CAPA HABANA

**Made by:** Pinar del Rio Factory, Dom. Rep.

**Wrapper:** Dom. Rep.

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep.

**Price:** \$5.25—\$6.75

**Details:** Made with a Cuban-seed wrapper and a double binder, Capa Habana ("blue label") comes in eight sizes: Corona (5 1/4 by 44); Robusto (5 by 52); Double Robusto (5 1/2 by 54); Toro (6 by 52); Torpedo, (6 1/2 by 52); Lancero (7 1/4 by 38); Churchill (7 by 54) and Double Magnum (6 by 60).

### PDR 1878 CAPA NATURAL

**Made by:** Pinar del Rio Factory, Dom. Rep.

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep., Nicaragua

**Price:** \$5.25—\$6.75

**Details:** Also known as "white label," Capa Natural has a Connecticut-seed Ecuadoran wrapper and a Dominican criollo binder. It comes in the same sizes as Capa Habana.

### PDR 1878 LIGA ESPECIAL RESERVA SUPERIOR

**Made by:** Pinar del Rio Factory, Dom. Rep.

**Wrapper:** Dom. Rep.

**Binder:** Brazil

**Filler:** Dom. Rep., U.S.A./Penn., Nicaragua

**Price:** \$7.50—\$9.50

**Details:** Crafted with an unusual blend of tobaccos (Dominican Negroito and Pennsylvania) this cigar comes in three sizes: Robusto (5 by 52); Grand Toro (6 by 54) and Torpedo (6 1/2 by 52). Limited to 900 boxes.

## PREMIUM IMPORTS INC.

### LA FLOR DOMINICANA CASA DE TABACO

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

**Wrapper:** Brazil

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep.

**Price:** \$360.00

**Details:** La Flor Dominicana's new Casa de Tabaco is a collection of 24 cigars packaged in a humidor/cigar box designed to look like a Dominican curing barn, complete with a thatched roof. Inside are 24 La Flor Dominicana Air Bender Maduros measuring 6 1/2 by 54. The cigars are wrapped in dark Brazilian Habano maduro tobacco (a first for La Flor) and have a retail price of \$8 each. The total package is \$360.00.

**What makes it special:** Impressive packaging.



## LA FLOR DOMINICANA DOUBLE LIGERO DIGGER

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

**Wrapper:** Ecuador and U.S.A./Conn. Broadleaf

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep.

**Price:** \$10.00

**Details:** The Digger, which debuted in maduro and is now also available in natural, is among the largest cigars on the market, measuring 8 1/2 inches by 60 ring.

**Also:** La Flor Dominicana has released the limited-edition Diadema Duo. The 9 1/2 by 50 figurados come two to the box, one in natural wrapper, one maduro. The box is \$30.

## LA FLOR DOMINICANA COLORADO OSCURO

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

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep., Nicaragua

**Price:** \$6.50—\$7.90

**Details:** Packed in cabinets of 50, Colorado Oscuro comes in four sizes: No. 2 (4 1/4 by 48); No. 3 (5 by 50); No. 4 (5 1/4 by 54) and No. 5 (5 3/4 by 60).

## PRIDE CIGARS

### BANDOLERO

**Made by:** Pride Cigars, Dom. Rep.

**Wrapper:** Dom. Rep.

**Binder:** Dom. Rep.

**Filler:** Dom. Rep., Nicaragua

**Price:** \$6.90—\$7.90

**Details:** Pride has a Western-themed cigar. Bandolero comes in four sizes: Billy the Kid (5 by 50); Pancho Villa (6 by 60); Butch Cassidy (6 by 50) and Jesse James (6 1/2 by 52.)

## PUROS INDIOS/CUBA ALIADOS

### 2012 SERIES

**Made by:** Puros Indios/Cuba Aliados Cigars, Miami

**Wrapper:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua, Dom. Rep.

**Price:** \$7.00—\$9.00

**Details:** The 2012 Series is a Nicaragua-heavy cigar, with just a hint of Dominican ligero in the blend. Made by three

rollers in the tiny Cuba Aliados Miami factory, the full-bodied 2012 cigar will come in three sizes: Robusto (5 by 50); Toro (6 by 52) and Torpedo (6 by 52).

## CUBA ALIADOS CABINET SELECTION

**Made by:** Puros Indios Cigars, Honduras

**Wrapper:** Honduras

**Binder:** Honduras

**Filler:** Honduras

**Price:** \$6.00—\$7.00

**Details:** This Honduran puro comes packaged in boxes of 10 in three sizes: Robusto (5 by 50); Toro (6 by 52) and Torpedo (6 by 52).

**What makes it special:** The first Honduran Puro from Cuba Aliados, as well as the first cigar rolled with tobacco grown on the Reyes' family farm in Danlí, Honduras.

## REINADO CIGARS

### HABANITO, EL EMPERADOR (NEW SIZES)

**Made by:** Cubanero Enterprises, Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Nicaragua

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$7.95—\$9.95

**Details:** Reinado Cigars, which launched its brand at the 2010 IPCPR, has rounded out its lineup with two new sizes, one big and one small. The Habanito measures 4 by 38 ring while the El Emperador weighs in at 6 by 60.

## ROCKY PATEL PREMIUM CIGARS

### ROCKY PATEL VINTAGE 2003

**Made by:** Plasencia Factory, Honduras

**Wrapper:** Cameroon

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Dom. Rep., Nicaragua

**Price:** \$7.55—\$10.80

**Details:** This is the first time that Rocky Patel has used a Cameroon wrapper on a cigar made with his own name. The line comes in five sizes: Robusto (5 1/2 by 50); Toro (6 1/2 by 52); Torpedo, (6 1/4 by 52); Churchill (7 by 48) and Sixty (6 by 60).





## ROCKY PATEL FIFTY

**Made by:** Tabacalera Tavicusa Sociedad, Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$19.00—\$22.00

**Details:** Celebrating the

50th birthday of brand

owner Rocky Patel, the Fifty will be

the most expensive line he's ever released. Made

with upper-priming Ecuador Habano wrapper, it will come

in three sizes: Robusto (5 1/2 by 50); Toro (6 1/2 by 52)

and Torpedo (6 1/8 by 52). They should debut in October.

Only 2,000 cigars per size are being made.

## XEN BY NISH PATEL

**Made by:** Tabacalera Tavicusa Sociedad, Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** n/a

**Price:** \$6.25—\$7.50

**Details:** Rocky Patel's brother Nish is taking a larger role

at Rocky Patel Premium Cigars, and this is the first cigar

to bear his name. The box-pressed Ecuadoran Connecticut

wrapped smoke has minimalist packaging and comes in

four sizes: Short Robusto (4 by 54); Robusto (5 by 50);

Toro (6 by 52) and Torpedo (6 1/8 by 52).

## THUNDER BY NIMISH

**Made by:** Tabacalera Tavicusa Sociedad, Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$5.50—\$5.95

**Details:** Blended with help by Rocky Patel's cousin

Nimish Patel, Thunder is meant to be full bodied. It comes

in three sizes: Robusto (4 1/2 by 54); Toro (6 by 52) and

Torpedo (6 1/4 by 54).

**What makes it special:** Every size retails for less than \$6.

## 601 LA BOMBA

**Made by:** My Father Cigars S.A., Nicaragua

**Wrapper:** Ecuador

**Binder:** Nicaragua

**Filler:** Nicaragua

**Price:** \$7.95—\$8.75

**Details:** La Bomba is the strongest cigar in 601's arsenal.

Each is made with a long pigtail resembling a fuse, and

named with a ballistic theme: Atom (5 1/2 by 46); Napalm

(5 by 52); Nuclear (6 by 50) and Atomic (6 by 60).

**Also:** 601 has released its mildest cigar, 601 White Label

Connecticut. It comes in four sizes. ■

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