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Superior Selection Ratings Featured
in the **August 2012** Issue:



 FIGURADO	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC H. UPMANN 1844 RESERVE BELICOSO ■ RING GAUGE: 52 LENGTH: 6 1/8" A beautifully made pyramid with a superbly even burn and lush draw that layers the palate with earth, cedar, mineral and rich tobacco intonations.	93
 ROBUSTO	NICARAGUA PADRÓN FAMILY RESERVE NO. 85 NATURAL ■ RING GAUGE: 50 LENGTH: 5 1/4" A neatly box-pressed cigar whose complex smoke starts with an earthy, herbal character. Flavors become both sweet and savory with black cherry and black truffle.	93
 FIGURADO	HONDURAS ROOM 101 O.S.O.K. CHINGON ■ RING GAUGE: 60 LENGTH: 8" With near-perfect construction, this beautifully crafted figurado draws very well, each puff full of leather, black pepper, cinnamon and earth.	93
 CORONA GORDA	NICARAGUA 7-20-4 1874 SERIES CORONA ESPECIAL ■ RING GAUGE: 46 LENGTH: 6" A hearty smoke full of coffee, leather and earthy flavors. Notes of Brazil nuts and minerals linger on the palate.	92
 DOUBLE CORONA	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FUENTE FUENTE OPUSX DOUBLE CORONA ■ RING GAUGE: 49 LENGTH: 7 5/8" Full bodied and rich, with a flavor core of red and black spices buttressed by a molasses sweetness and a touch of cinnamon.	91
 CHURCHILL	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC KRISTOFF GC SERIES CHURCHILL ■ RING GAUGE: 50 LENGTH: 7" Near black with a thick pigtail cap and uncut foot. The first puffs show straw-and-hay flavors leading to leathery notes, which become sweeter as the cigar is smoked. Tasty and interesting.	91
 CORONA GORDA	NICARAGUA MY FATHER CEDROS DELUXE EMINENTES ■ RING GAUGE: 46 LENGTH: 5 5/8" Bright and zesty with citrus and black pepper flavors balanced by a toasty, cedary quality and a dried cherry finish.	91
 ROBUSTO	HONDURAS PUNCH GRAN PURO SANTA RITA ■ RING GAUGE: 52 LENGTH: 4 1/2" This chocolate brown robusto burns perfectly even and draws well, delivering sweet and floral smoke with profound undertones of leather, dried red fruit and a hint of cinnamon.	91
 CORONA GORDA	HONDURAS ROCKY PATEL VINTAGE 2003 ROBUSTO ■ RING GAUGE: 50 LENGTH: 5 1/2" Covered in an oily wrapper, this solid cigar starts earthy and spicy, transitioning to walnut and coffee bean flavors with a bit of orange peel zest and some coconut on the finish.	91
 CORONA	NICARAGUA SAN LOTANO OVAL CORONA ■ RING GAUGE: 44 LENGTH: 5 1/2" Crafted with a very round head and ovular edges, this flat corona is rich with steady notes of leather, wood and dried cherry. The draw is even and lush throughout.	91

CIGAR AFICIONADO's 100-point scale: 95-100 classic ■ 90-94 outstanding ■ 80-89 very good to excellent ■ 70-79 average to good commercial quality