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The Field Guide

30 cigars worth knowing, from mild to full

BLENDS · STRENGTH · FLAVOUR NOTES · TASTING LOG

A printable companion for your next visit to the lounge or the tobacconist. Tick off what you try, note what you liked, and find your next favourite.

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How to use this guide

Cigars are grouped by strength, from mild to full. Strength is mostly about nicotine; body is about how rich the flavour feels. If you are new to cigars, start with the first section and move up slowly.

Reading the entries

Wrapper is the outer leaf and shapes much of the aroma. **Binder** holds the cigar together. **Filler** is the blend inside and gives most of the strength. Dots show strength on a five-point scale: ●○○○○ is mild, ●●●●● is full.

A few good habits

Store cigars at around 65–70% humidity. Cut just the cap. Toast the foot before lighting. Puff about once a minute, and don't inhale. Drink water alongside.

About the information

Blend details come from makers' and retailers' published specifications. Blends can change between production runs, so check the box or band. Cigar.co doesn't sell tobacco and isn't paid for any listing in this guide.

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Mild & mild–medium

7 cigars

MACANUDO

Café

●○○○○ Mild · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Connecticut Shade · Binder: Mexico · Filler: Dominican Republic and Mexico

cream, hay, light sweetness

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

ASHTON

Classic

●●○○○ Mild–Medium · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Connecticut Shade · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic

cream, cedar, nuts

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

PERDOMO

Champagne

●●○○○ Mild–Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Connecticut (bourbon barrel-aged) · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cream, nuts, toast

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

MONTECRISTO

Classic

●●○○○ Mild–Medium · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Connecticut Shade · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic

cream, cedar, nuts

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

OLIVA

Connecticut Reserve

●●○○○ Mild–Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Connecticut · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cream, caramel, nuts

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Mild & mild–medium

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DAVIDOFF

Grand Cru

●●○○○ Mild–Medium · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Connecticut · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic

cedar, nuts, cream

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

HOYO DE MONTERREY

Excalibur

●●○○○ Mild–Medium · Honduras

Wrapper: Connecticut Shade · Binder: Connecticut Broadleaf · Filler: Dominican Republic, Honduras and Nicaragua

cream, nuts, cedar

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Medium

8 cigars

ARTURO FUENTE

Hemingway

●●●○○ Medium · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Cameroon · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic

cedar, cream, sweet spice

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

OLIVA

Serie G

●●●○○ Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Cameroon · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cedar, nuts, sweet spice

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

ARTURO FUENTE

Don Carlos

●●●○○ Medium · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Cameroon · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic

cedar, nuts, sweet spice

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

ROCKY PATEL

Vintage 1992

●●●○○ Medium · Honduras

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Sumatra (vintage aged) · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Dominican Republic and Nicaragua

cedar, cream, sweet spice

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

TATUAJE

Havana VI

●●●○○ Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Habano · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cedar, cocoa, spice

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Medium

continued

BRICK HOUSE

Classic

●●●○○ Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Havana Subido · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cream, cedar, sweetness

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

PLASENCIA

Cosecha 146

●●●○○ Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Honduran · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Honduras and Nicaragua

cream, cedar, sweetness

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

MY FATHER

Flor de las Antillas

●●●○○ Medium · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaraguan sun grown · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cocoa, cedar, cream

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Medium–full

9 cigars

PADRÓN

1964 Anniversary Series

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaraguan sun grown (Natural or Maduro) · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cocoa, cedar, coffee

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

OLIVA

Serie V

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Habano sun grown · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua (incl. Jalapa ligero)

pepper, espresso, cocoa

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

DREW ESTATE

Liga Privada No. 9

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Connecticut Broadleaf · Binder: Brazilian Mata Fina · Filler: Honduras and Nicaragua

espresso, earth, cocoa

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

ASHTON

VSG

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Dominican Republic

Wrapper: Ecuadorian sun grown · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic

spice, leather, earth

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

ALEC BRADLEY

Prensado

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Honduras

Wrapper: Honduran Corojo · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Honduras and Nicaragua

leather, cocoa, spice

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Medium–full

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MY FATHER

The Judge

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Ecuadorian Sumatra · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

pepper, cedar, cocoa

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

DREW ESTATE

Undercrown Maduro

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Mexican San Andrés · Binder: Connecticut River Valley Habano (stalk cut) · Filler: Brazil and Nicaragua

cocoa, coffee, cream

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

PERDOMO

20th Anniversary Sun Grown

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaraguan sun grown (bourbon barrel-aged) · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cocoa, oak, pepper

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

CAO

Brazilia

●●●●○ Medium–Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Brazilian Arapiraca · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cocoa, coffee, earth

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Full

6 cigars

PADRÓN
1926 Serie
●●●●● Full · Nicaragua
Wrapper: Nicaraguan (Natural or Maduro) · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua
cocoa, coffee, earth

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

ARTURO FUENTE
Opus X
●●●●● Full · Dominican Republic
Wrapper: Dominican Rosado sun grown (Chateau de la Fuente) · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic
spice, cedar, leather

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

MY FATHER
Le Bijou 1922
●●●●● Full · Nicaragua
Wrapper: Nicaraguan Habano Oscuro · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua
espresso, cocoa, pepper

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

JOYA DE NICARAGUA
Antaño 1970
●●●●● Full · Nicaragua
Wrapper: Nicaraguan Habano Criollo · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua
pepper, earth, leather

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

LA FLOR DOMINICANA
Double Ligero
●●●●● Full · Dominican Republic
Wrapper: Ecuadorian Sumatra sun grown · Binder: Dominican Republic · Filler: Dominican Republic
pepper, leather, earth

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

Full

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PADRÓN

Family Reserve

●●●●● Full · Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaraguan (Natural or Maduro) · Binder: Nicaragua · Filler: Nicaragua

cocoa, espresso, earth

☐ Tried it
☐ Would buy again
Date: _____
Score: ___ / 10

My notes