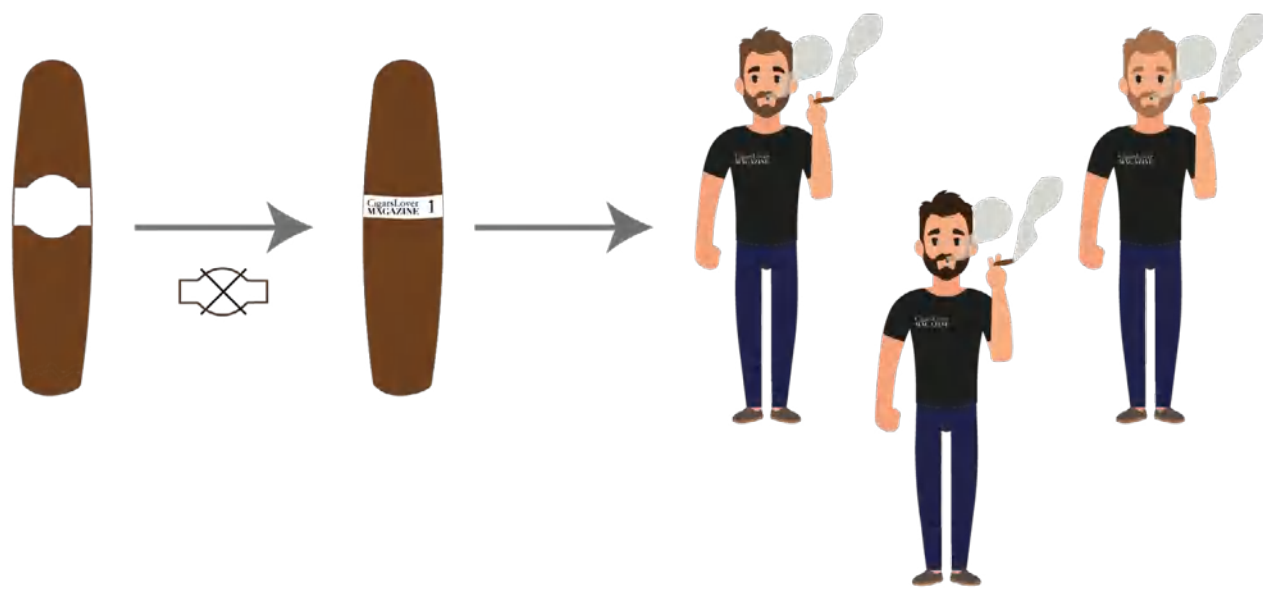
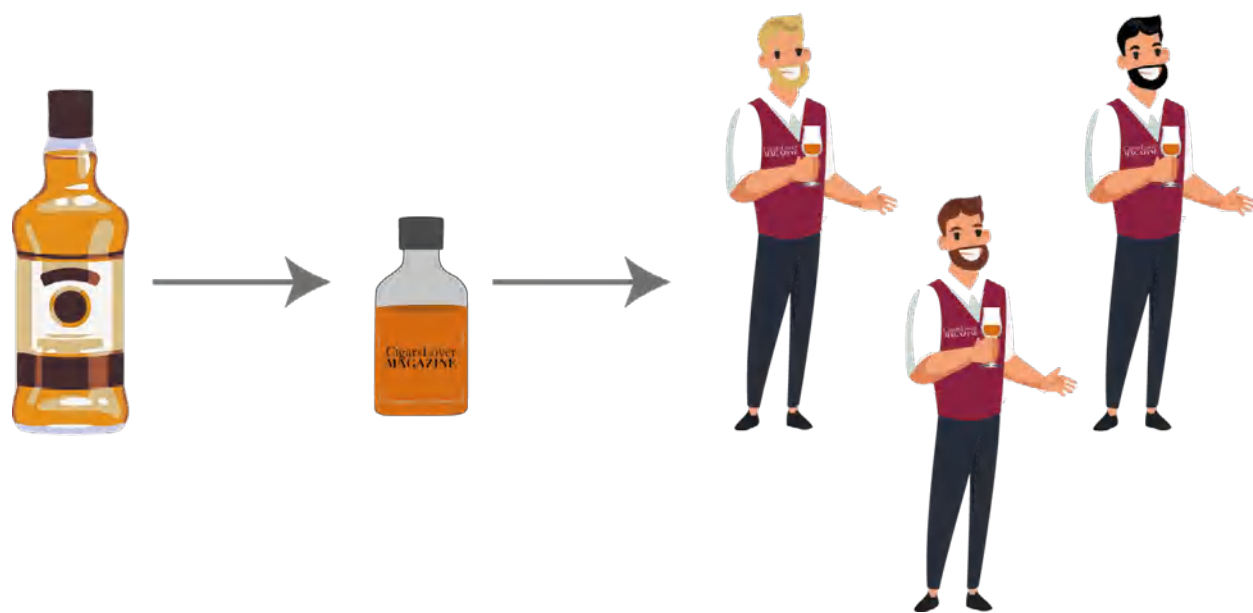


# HOW ARE THE BLIND TASTINGS MADE?



The cigar rings are removed and cigars are once again "dressed" with a new band, which simply bears a number. The same happens for the spirits, which are poured into little sample bottles, only showcasing a number and a possible indication, regarding the alcohol content, if the ABV is higher than 50%.

The products are then tested in a completely impartial way, in a blind tasting in which the tasters do not know which products they are trying.



The evaluations are then collected and CigarsLover Magazine team gets to work, calculating the averages and creating the final evaluations.

The tastings are compared to create the definitive review and the rating, expressed in a 100 scale.

## Cigars & Spirits Results



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## Legend

*All the information inside the blind tastings*

To place cigars inside of an ample rating scale, we adopt a scoring system made of 100 points. The rating of each cigar is made by the average given score by the reviewers. Blind tasting means every cigar is smoked without knowing what the cigar is. No information about the brand, blend or size are given. This is the only way to evaluate cigars objectively.



**1**

**ADVENTURA**  
*Royal Return King's Gold Robusto*

*COMPLEX AND RICH*

It releases cocoa and citrus, enriched with earth and a touch of incense. The base is honeyed. Then, it continues with spicy notes of white pepper, which gradually become more intense, culminating in hot spices.

**2**

**3**

**95** 

**4**

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	52x127mm (5")	\$ 13.5   € 13.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
U.S.A.	MEXICO	DOMINICAN REP., NICARAGUA, U.S.A.

**5**

- 1** Cigar picture.
- 2** Cigar tasting notes: the flavor profile delivered through the smoke.
- 3** Rating scale: **95-100** memorable and excellent in every detail. **90-94** great quality and highly satisfying. **86-89** high quality and very pleasant. **81-85** decent, delivering a good smoke . **Under 80** not recommended.
- 4** Flag identifying the country where the cigar is made.
 

  
Cuba

  
R. Dominicana

  
Nicaragua

  
Honduras

  
Brasile

  
Messico

  
U.S.A.

  
Costa Rica

  
Italia

  
Filippine

  
Francia

  
Panama
- 5**
  - STRENGTH: described on a scale from "●" (lightest) to "●●●●●" (strongest).
  - SIZE: ring gauge (1/64 of inch) and length, written in both millimeters and inches.
  - PRICE: cigar price in US Dollar and Euro.
  - WRAPPER: the external leaf.
  - BINDER: the leaf under the wrapper.
  - FILLER: the leaves inside the cigar.

# Gordo



## The chosen 12

Most of the cigars featured in this Gordo blind tasting are regular products, easy to find and available in almost all countries worldwide.

## Results

The first two spots are taken by a Nicaraguan and a Costa Rican cigar, which registered scores above 90 points. Two great smoke that will keep you company for a long time.



### PLASENCIA ALMA FUERTE SIXTOII HEXAGON

*FLAVORFUL AND COMPLEX*

Leather and wood open the smoke, with coffee and vegetal notes being perceptible as well. Black pepper and hazelnut appear later on, joined by aromas of cream.

91



STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ 21   € 21
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA



### CASDAGLI DAUGHTER OF THE WIND DAHMAN

*COMPLEX AND SMOOTH*

The cigar starts with aromas of coffee, leather and earth, with a hint of pepper. A caramel sweetness is also present. Cocoa notes are added in the second half as the intensity increases.

91



STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	56x180mm (7")	\$ 16.5   € 16.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	COSTA RICA	DOMINICAN REP., PERU



### ALEC BRADLEY PRENSADO DOUBLE T

*WELL BALANCED AND SATYSFYING*

It delivers notes of earth and black pepper, enriched by a balsamic vein, the latter mainly perceptible in the aftertaste. Occasional hints of leather as well.

88



STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	62x152mm (6")	\$ 12.5   € 9
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
HONDURAS	NICARAGUA	HONDURAS, NICARAGUA



### ARTURO FUENTE ORO MAGNUM R SUPER SIXTY

*SMOOTH AND ROUND*

The smoke opens with wood and hazelnut notes, that are later joined by coffee and herbal notes. There are light cinnamon aromas present in the retrohale. The smoke is quite creamy.

88



STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ 12   € -
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	DOMINICAN REP.	DOMINICAN REP.





### ASYLUM PREMIUM SIXTY

*RICH AND FULL FILLING*

It exhibits aromas of fine wood, white pepper and a hint of vanilla. In the background there are earth and ground, enriched with some balsamic nuances.

88

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	60x152mm (6 1/8")	\$ 8   € -
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA



### LA AROMA DEL CARIBE EDICION ESPECIAL NO. 60

*HARMONIOUS*

The cigar develops earthy and spicy notes, together with some leather. In the second part, the spices get more intense, with black pepper and piquant peaks.

87

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ 9   € 8.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA



### UNDERCROWN SHADE GORDO

*CREAMY AND BALANCED*

It delivers vegetal notes and aromas of wood, together with some tree nuts. There are some hints of white pepper as well. The smoke is creamy.

87

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ 11   € 11
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	ECUADOR	DOMINICAN REP., NICARAGUA



### FLOR DE SELVA TEMPO MADURO

*LIMITED EVOLUTION*

The flavor profile is all about wood and roasted coffee, together with some vegetal hints. Some nutty notes are occasionally delivered.

85

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ 12   € 11
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
HONDURAS	BRAZIL	HONDURAS



### LA AURORA 115TH GRAN TORO

*BALANCED*

Wood, walnut and ripe fruits are supported by a mix of spices, mainly black pepper, make up the flavor profile. The smoke is quite creamy.

87

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	58x152mm (6")	\$ 11   € 10.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	BRAZIL	BRAZIL, DOM. REP., NICARAGUA



### VILLIGER LA MERIDIANA GIGANTES

*CONTAINED FLAVOR PROFILE*

The cigar delivers notes of earth and wood, together with leather and a vegetal vein in the background. In some puffs, aromas of anise are present as well.

84

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ -   € 8.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA



### AVO SYNCRO NICARAGUA FOGATA S. TORO

*A LITTLE ON THE DRY SIDE*

It delivers notes of cinnamon and nutmeg, followed by cedarwood and earth. Hints of bread are perceivable as well.

87

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●●	60x152mm (6")	\$ 12   € 14
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	MEXICO	DOM. REP., NICARAGUA



### PATORO SERIE P BALTHASAR

*CREAMY*

It delivers notes earth and wood, together with spices, where the black pepper and the cinnamon stand out. The finale is all about vegetal aromas.

84

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	58x152mm (6")	\$ 11   € 12
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
BRAZIL	DOMINICAN REP.	DOMINICAN REP.