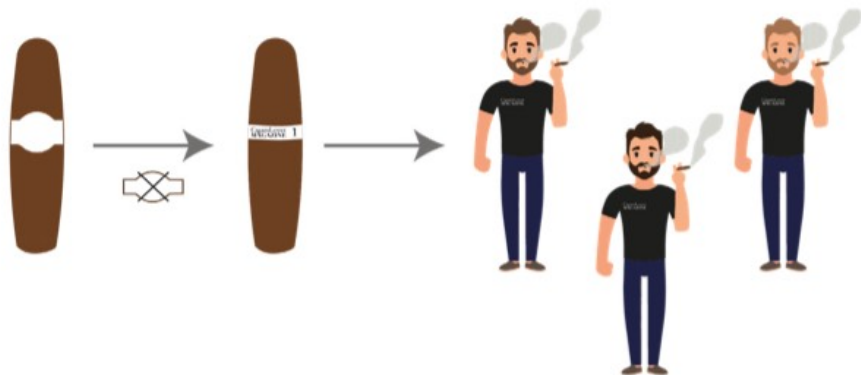


HOW ARE THE BLIND TASTINGS MADE?



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

The evaluation is reported to the collection and CigarsLover Magazine Magazine's staff, who participate in the final decision and create the final evaluation.

Cigars & Spirits Results

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.



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.


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.


- 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


Dominican Rep.


Nicaragua


Honduras


Brazil


Mexico
- 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.

Corona Gorda



The chosen 12

New releases and core range products take part in this Corona Gorda blind tasting. Four are the producer countries involved.

Results

Two cigars reach the 90 points: a Dominican and a Co-starrican. One is a classic, the other a little more of a niche, close to a boutique brand.



**ASHTON HERITAGE
PURO SOL CORONA GORDA**

BALANCED AND COMPLEX

The cigar starts with oak wood, pepper, and floral notes, and they are later joined by leather, bread, and nuts. There is also a meaty sensation present in the background.

90

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x146mm (5 3/4")	\$ 13.5 € 12.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	DOMINICAN REP.	DOMINICAN REP.



**FIAT LUX
INSIGHT**

COMPLEX AND INTENSE

Pepper, wood, and walnut make up the core of the profile, supported by herbal aromas. The smoke becomes creamier in the second half and spicier towards the end.

89

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x143mm (5 3/4")	\$ 9 € 8.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	NICARAGUA	NICARAGUA



**VILLA CASDAGLI
CORONA GORDA**

BALANCED AND STRUCTURED

Hazelnut and leather open the smoke, joined by coffee, white pepper, and vegetal aromas. A herbal freshness appears in the second half together with cinnamon.

90

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x140mm (5 3/4")	\$ 13.5 € 12
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	ECUADOR	PERU, DOM. REP., ECUADOR, NICA.



**WILDFIRE THE RIVAVELIST
CORONA GORDA**

LIMITED EVOLUTION BUT WELL BALANCED

It delivers earth and roasted notes, together with seasoned wood. Later on, rich aromas of black pepper complete the flavor profile.

87

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x143mm (5 3/4")	\$ 10 € -
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
MEXICO	NICARAGUA	INDONESIA, NICARAGUA



**H. UPMANN
MAGNUM 46**

FLAVORFUL AND INTENSE

A mix of black pepper, leather, coffee, and hazelnut make up the profile in the first half. Aromas of herbs are added in the second half, and the finale becomes spicy.

89

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x143mm (5 3/4")	\$ - € 13
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
CUBA	CUBA	CUBA



**UNDERCROWN
SHADE CORONA**

LESS PERFORMING SECOND HALF

It develops seasoned wood, earth, and nutmeg notes, with some floral nuances. White pepper and piquant spices are then added. Wet cardboard in the last third.

86

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●	46x143mm (5 3/4")	\$ 8 € 10.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	ECUADOR	DOM. REP., NICARAGUA



**LARANJA RESERVA AZULEJO
CORONA GORDA**

FULL-BODIED AND INTERESTING

Leather, black pepper, and earth, with bitter herbs in the background, are revealed in the first half. A hazelnut aroma joins the profile in the second half, and the pepper becomes spicy.

89

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x152mm (6")	\$ 11 € -
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
ECUADOR	BRAZIL	NICARAGUA



**HOYO DE MONTERREY
EPICURE NO. 1**

FLAT AND ONE-DIMENSIONAL

The profile is limited to faint wood and hay notes with some light spices in the first half. The flavors are light, and the strength covers the entire profile for the remainder of the cigar.

85

STRENGTH	SIZE	PRICE
●●●	46x143mm (5 3/4")	\$ - € 2.5
WRAPPER	BINDER	FILLER
CUBA	CUBA	CUBA