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Rocky Patel Sun Grown



Fantastic, full of flavor and smooth, perfectly smooth all the way through. Medium body, gets stronger in the final third but remains smooth and never sharp or bitter. Well aged, as usual for Patel.

Personal Rating: **91**/100

Brick House Fumas



Wicked flavor profile, a stronger medium with hard hitting notes of cedar and cream throughout. Smooth smoke with plenty of attraction, finished with the tiniest nub.

Personal Rating: **92**/100

(KEEP THESE STOCKED)

5 Vegas 'A' Maduro



Amazing stick with sweetness throughout and a deep, mellow maduro taste. A stronger medium bordering on full body, cedar notes and cream present and obvious. First draw to last it was perfection. Quite possibly my favorite maduro aside from RP Vintage 1990.

Personal Rating: **92/100**

Alec Bradley Prensado (robusto)



Well aged tobacco, smooth and rich with a hearty smoke. The burn is even and slow, and even though it is a little mellow, it does present a fantastic aroma and taste of leathery notes, cedar, vanilla cream, and cocoa. You can smoke this right down to the tiniest nub and receive a pleasant, smooth draw every time.

My Rank: **#7** out of 10

Personal Rating: **96/100**

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Diesel Wicked (torpedo)



Strong cigar, but smooth and spicy. It has a blend that is aged, well combined and rolled brilliantly. Sweet notes of coffee and a thick, meaty smoke. A light backend of pepper at various stages, which is awesome. Plenty of robust flavors and complexity will make this a favorite. Keep a few around in the humidor.

Personal Rating: **90/100**

Gurkha Hudson Bay (torpedo)



This cigar is complex and smooth with a light citrus and mellow smoke, but a medium body of flavors including cedar, earthy nut, spice, and some pepper. I don't expect this to be a favorite, but it is decent overall.

Personal rating: 84/100

La Harencia CORE (toro)



Review is not completed.

My Personal Rating:

Monte Cristo Media Noche



A lower side of medium maduro, good qualities such as rolling, burn, wrapper construction. Taste is a little pale to my senses, but it's discernible. Chocolate, a little spice, cedar, cream. Becomes a touch stronger after first third, smoothness is adequate.

My Personal Rating: 86/100

Romeo Y Julieta Media Noche



(waiting review – in stock)

5 Vegas Gold (maduro)



Good. I like an even maduro, this one is light bodied but enjoyable.

MPR: 88/100

Oliva 'G'



Very good.

MPR: **90/100**

Laranja



Very good. A solid medium, worth the effort no doubt.

MPR: **90/100**

Padilla Artisano



Good. Always a pleasant smoke, but some draw issues are possible. Torpedoes, that's how it goes.

MPR: **90/100**

Charter Oak



Satisfying, robust, smooth, very good.
The unfinished foot is nice.

MPR: **92/100**

Cohiba Black



Awesome. I prefer the 'Pequenos' over robusto.
Both are great!

MPR: 93/100

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Rocky Patel Ligerero



Good.

MPR: 89/100

Padron 3000



Nice flavors, peppery, smooth.

MPR: 92/100

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Arturo Fuente (chateau) maduro



My favorite cigar. Morphine drip.
Chateau size is best. Amazing flavors.

My Rank: #1 out of 10

MPR: 99/100

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Kristoff Ligerero maduro



Nice cigar, very strong and robust. Unfinished foot is a nice touch.

MPR: **90**/100

Don Pepin Garcia (Cuban Classic)



Yes, it's very good!

Great flavors, smooth and robust. Cedar, nuts, pepper.

My Rank: **#8** out of 10

MPR: **94**/100

Oliva Nub Maduro



Perfect with morning coffee. Smooth, rich, decadent. Lots of flavor, light peppery undertones.

My Rank: **#9** out of 10

My Personal Rating: **93/100**

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Ave Maria Reconquista



Awaiting another trial to judge.

Camacho Triple Maduro



Nice cigar! Out of all maduro smokes, this one is KING.

My Rank: **#10** out of 10
MPR: **93/100**

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5 vegas 'A' (Triple A)



Not to be confused with the 'A', the triple 'A' is a peppery and stronger cousin to the maduro I also love. This one is an AJ blend.

MPR: **91/100**

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Romeo Y Julieta (1875 Reserve)



Classic, always great for a medium bodied smoke. Smooth, even and some great flavors.

MPR: 89/100

My Father 'Le Galera'



This is a very good cigar, I like it more than most MF cigars and would like to maintain a stock of these if possible. Med to full smoke with smooth flavor and lots of strength.

My Rank: **#4** out of 10
My Personal Rating: **96**/100

(KEEP THESE STOCKED!)

Oliva 'V' Melanio



One of the best cigars **ever made**. Smooth, flavorful smoke with lots of pepper and spice and everything nice.

If I don't keep these in stock, I'm stupid...or I smoke too much.

My rank: **#2** out of 10

My Personal Rating: **98**/100

(KEEP THESE STOCKED!)

Sobremesa



What can I say? The Sobremesa is quite spectacular, and I love these damn cigars. Smooth, creamy, cedar and spice with nuttiness and pepper.

My Rank: **#5** out of 10

My Personal Rating: **97**/100

(KEEP THESE STOCKED)

Henry Clay Limited Edition



Creamy, smooth, very flavorful and peppery backend with lots of awesome.

Definitely keep these in stock!

My Rank: **#6** out of 10

My personal rating: **96/100**

(KEEP THESE STOCKED)

My Father Le Bijou 1922



It's a pretty great cigar, plenty of flavor and smooth. If I can get them for \$4 each, get as many as possible.

My Personal Rating: **92/100**

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Flores Y Rodriguez 'Tamboril' (Conn Reserve)



This is an **amazing** cigar from start to finish.

My Rank: #3 out of 10

MPR: 98/100

Expensive
(KEEP THESE IN STOCK)

La Aroma De Cuba (Mi Amor Reserva)



Through and through and awesome smoke.
Peppery, smooth, vibrant with lots of flavors.

MPR: 92/100

NOTES:

Many cigars I love did not make it in this journal due to time constraints. I am going to list some additional cigars here to facilitate easy referencing for the future.

La Gloria Cubana Serie 'R' and La Gloria Cubana – Excellent. MPR 90+

Oliva 'V' and Oliva 'O' – Excellent. MPR 90+

CAO Brazilia – Excellent and long time favorite. MPR 90+

Romeo Y Julieta Maduro Reserve – Excellent and another long time favorite. MPR 90+

Rocky Patel Vintage 1990 – Excellent. It was also my first cigar. (always in stock at home) MPR 90+

Drew Estate Undercrown Maduro – Excellent. MPR 90+

Drew Estate Kentucky Fire Cured (KFC) – Excellent. MPR 90+

Padron 1926 – Natural or maduro are excellent and even amazing. Top 10 probable. MPR 90+

La Mission L'atelier – Excellent cigar, harder to find at decent price. MPR 90+

Man O' War “Little Devil” – Excellent. Possibly making my top 10. MPR 90+

Punch Rare Corojo – Excellent. MPR 90+

Partagas Cifuentes Maduro – Excellent. MPR 90+

Gilberto Oliva – Excellent. MPR 90+

Ramon Bueso, The Genesis Project – Excellent. MPR 90 solid.