

CigarCyclopedia.com's Cigar Recommendations

(as of January 31, 2008)

Here are the top-graded cigars in our tasting from 2004 to the present: those which have earned a grade of "A+" or "A." It's organized within each group alphabetically from mild-bodied to full-bodied. "Value" cigars are specially noted.

Some brands have been graded more than once and this is indicated by a Roman numeral after the grade, such as Partagas II" indicating the second grading.

You can read the full review of each brand in our Brand Report Cards!

Brand	Country of Origin	Body	Date of Review	Grade
<i>Grade A+ - Outstanding: Easy draw, even burn and a bright, consistent flavor throughout:</i>				
Davidoff Aniversario	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2004-Jun	A+
Fonseca	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2006-Jun 16	A+
Macanudo Gold Label	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2004-Jun	A+
Casa Torano	Honduras	Mild to Medium	2006-June 23	A+
Arturo Fuente Hemingway Series	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Oct 18-22	A+
Cuesta-Rey Centro Fino Sun Grown	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2005-Jul 29	A+
Cupido (discontinued)	Nicaragua	Medium	2004-Jul	A+
Davidoff Special Series	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Jul	A+
Romeo y Julieta 1875	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2005-Aug 26	A+
Zino Classic	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2007-Sep 28	A+
Arturo Fuente	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A+
Ashton Aged Maduro	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A+
Avo Classic II	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Oct 12	A+
Carlos Torano Cameroon 1916	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 23	A+
Partagas	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A+
Partagas II	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-May 11	A+
Puros Indios	Honduras	Medium to Full	2006-Jul 28	A+
Camacho Corojo	Honduras	Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A+
Camacho Corojo II	Honduras	Full	2006-Oct 27	A+
Davidoff Millennium Blend	Dom. Rep.	Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A+
Graycliff Profesionale - Blue Label	Bahamas	Full	2005-Sep 2	A+

Grade A - Exceptional: Easy draw, generally even burn and clear, fairly consistent flavor:

Flor de Gonzalez Green & White Label	Nicaragua	Mild	2007-Jun 22	A
Helix	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2004-Jun	A
Helix - Maduro wrapper	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2007-Jun 29	A
Juan Clemente Classic	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2005-Jul 8	A
Macanudo Café	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2004-Jun	A
Macanudo Café II	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2006-Sep 29	A
Macanudo Gold Label II	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2006-Sep 29	A
Moore & Bode	USA	Mild	2004-Jun	A
Nat Sherman Host Selection	Honduras	Mild	2004-Jun	A
Temple Hall	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2004-Jun	A
Flor de Jardin	Honduras	Mild to Medium	2006-Jul 14	A
Helix - Natural wrapper	Dom. Rep.	Mild to Medium	2007-Jun 29	A
Leon Jimenes	Dom. Rep.	Mild to Medium	2006-Dec 1	A
Arturo Fuente Don Carlos	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Avo Classic	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Jul	A
Avo Signature	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2007-Oct 12	A
Balmoral Royal Selection	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2005-Aug 5	A
Carlos Torano Signature Collection	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Jun 23	A
Cumbres de Puriscal Gold	Costa Rica	Medium	2006-Jun 9	A

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Flor de Gonzalez Sandwich	(Value)	Nicaragua	Medium	2007-Jun 22	A
H. Upmann		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Jul	A
Industrial Press (discontinued)		Nicaragua	Medium	2004-Jul	A
JM's Dominican - Connecticut wrapper	(Value)	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Aug 18	A
JM's Dominican - Sumatra wrapper	(Value)	Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Aug 18	A
La Aurora		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Dec 1	A
La Aurora Preferidos		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Jul	A
La Vencedora - Cameroon Series		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2005-Jul 29	A
Los Blancos Premiere Selection - Connecticut		Nicaragua	Medium	2007-Jun 29	A
Macanudo Vintage 2000		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Sep 29	A
Nicarao		Nicaragua	Medium	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Paul Garmirian Gourmet Series		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2005-Aug 19	A
Petrus Oro Negro		Nicaragua	Medium	2007-Apr 20	A
Punch Gran Puro		Honduras	Medium	2004-Jul	A
Roly	(Value)	Honduras	Medium	2006-Jul 28	A
Sosa		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Aug 4	A
Sosa Exclusive Series		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Aug 4	A
Zino Connoisseur (discontinued)		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2007-Sep 21	A
Avo XO		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Oct 12	A
Camacho Select		Honduras	Medium to Full	2006-Oct 27	A
Carlos Torano Exodus Reserva Selecta		Honduras	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 23	A
Chateau Real		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-May 25	A
Cohiba		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Sep 1	A
Diana Silvius Maduro		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 30	A
Don Pepin Garcia Series JJ		USA	Medium to Full	2007-Jun 8	A
Esteban Carreras Maduro		Honduras	Medium to Full	2007-May 18	A
Excalibur - Maduro wrapper		Honduras	Medium to Full	2005-Jul 22	A
Fonseca Sun Grown Cedar		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 16	A
Fonseca Vintage Collection		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 16	A
H. Upmann Special Seleccion		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Sep 21	A
H. Upmann Vintage Cameroon		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Hoyo de Monterrey		Honduras	Medium to Full	2007-Jul 27	A
Joya de Nicaragua Celebracion		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A
La Aurora 1495 Series		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Dec 1	A
La Aurora Preferidos - Brazilian Maduro wrapper		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Aug 24	A
La Aurora Preferidos - Ecuadorian Sun Grown wrapper		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Aug 24	A
La Gloria Cubana - Maduro wrapper		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Oct 13	A
La Gloria Cubana Reserva Figurado - Maduro wrapper		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Oct 13	A
La Vieja Habana - Brazilian Maduro	(Value)	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-May 25	A
Montecristo Classic		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2005-Oct 7	A
Oliveros Gran Reserva		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-Jul 13	A
Padilla Habano		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Oct 13	A
Padron 1964 Anniversary Series		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Partagas Cifuentes Seasonal Blend - Winter 2006-07		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-May 11	A
Partagas Spanish Rosado		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-May 11	A
Pelo de Oro by Felipe Gregorio		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Apr 20	A
Perdomo 2		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2005-Sep 9	A
Perdomo Habano - Corojo wrapper		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-Oct 5	A
Savinelli Fuerte		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Aug 11	A
Savinelli Special Selection		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Aug 11	A
Te-Amo World Selection - Honduras Blend		Mexico	Medium to Full	2007-Sep 7	A
Zino Platinum Crown		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Sep 21	A
Camacho Special Limited Reserve II - Natural wrapper		Honduras	Full	2006-Oct 27	A
Cohiba XV		Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Sep 1	A
Felipe Power		Dom. Rep.	Full	2007-Apr 20	A

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Garro Los Lectores	Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Aug 18	A
Juan Lopez	Nicaragua	Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A
La Flor Dominicana Billy Club	Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Jun 28	A
La Flor Dominicana Double Ligero	Dom. Rep.	Full	2005-Sep 23	A
Natural	Nicaragua	Full	2007-May 25	A
Oliveros LTD	Nicaragua	Full	2007-Jul 13	A
One Off	Nicaragua	Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Partagas Black Label II	Dom. Rep.	Full	2007-May 11	A
Partagas Limited Reserve Decadas	Dom. Rep.	Full	2007-May 11	A
Perdomo Lot 23 - Maduro wrapper	Nicaragua	Full	2007-Oct 5	A
Perdomo Reserve Maduro	Nicaragua	Full	2005-Sep 9	A
Punch - Maduro wrapper	Honduras	Full	2007-Sep 14	A
Puros Indios Maxima Reserva Especial	Honduras	Full	2006-Jul 28	A
Rocky Patel "The Edge"	Honduras	Full	2005-Jul 15	A
Rocky Patel Olde World Reserve	Honduras	Full	2007-Jul 20	A
Rocky Patel Sun Grown II	Honduras	Full	2007-Jul 20	A
Rocky Patel Vintage 1990	Honduras	Full	2005-Jul 15	A
Rocky Patel Vintage 1992	Honduras	Full	2005-Jul 15	A
Te-Amo - Maduro wrapper	Mexico	Full	2007-Sep 7	A
Vegas de Fonseca	Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Jun 16	A
