

CigarCyclopedia.com's Cigar Recommendations

(as of December 31, 2009)

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
Grade A+ - Outstanding: Easy draw, even burn and a bright, consistent flavor throughout (22):				
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+
Perdomo Patriarch - Maduro wrapper	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Aug 08	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 (169):				
Baccarat "The Game" Havana Selection II	Honduras	Mild	2008-Feb 8	A
Casa Blanca II	Dom. Rep.	Mild	2008-Feb 8	A
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

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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
A R Epicur		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2007-May 18	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
C.A.O. Gold		Nicaragua	Medium	2006-Sep 22	A
Camacho Havana		Honduras	Medium	2006-Oct 27	A
Carlos Torano Signature Collection		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Jun 23	A
Casa Torano - Natural wrapper		Honduras	Medium	2008-May 23	A
Cumbres de Puriscal Gold		Costa Rica	Medium	2006-Jun 9	A
Cusano 59 Rare Cameroon		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2008-Jun 13	A
Don Lino Africa		Nicaragua	Medium	2008-Feb 22	A
Flor de Gonzalez Sandwich	(Value)	Nicaragua	Medium	2007-Jun 22	A
Gispert - Maduro wrapper		Honduras	Medium	2008-Jun 6	A
Gurkha Special Edition/Crest		Honduras	Medium	2009-Dec 25	A
H. Upmann		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2004-Jul	A
Indian Tabac Super Fuerte - Maduro wrapper		Honduras	Medium	2008-May 9	A
Industrial Press (discontinued)		Nicaragua	Medium	2004-Jul	A
J. Fuego Gran Reserva - Corojo No. 1 series		Honduras	Medium	2008-Apr 18	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
Montecristo White Label II		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2008-Sep 26	A
Nicarao		Nicaragua	Medium	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Paul Garmirian Gourmet Series		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2005-Aug 19	A
Paul Garmirian Gourmet Series (2d review)		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2008-Oct 03	A
Paul Garmirian Gourmet Series II (2d review)		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2008-Oct 03	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
Scarface - Tony Montana Seies "Money"		Honduras	Medium	2008-Sep 08	A
Sosa		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Aug 4	A
Sosa Exclusive Series		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2006-Aug 4	A
Stradivarius de los Maestros		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2008-Apr 4	A
Topper Danli II		Honduras	Medium	2008-Oct 24	A
Zino Connoisseur (discontinued)		Dom. Rep.	Medium	2007-Sep 21	A
601 Maduro		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-May 4	A
Avo XO		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Oct 12	A
Butera Royal Vintage		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Aug 3	A
C.A.O. Vision		Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Sep 22	A
Camacho Connecticut		Honduras	Medium to Full	2009-Dec 21	A
Camacho Select		Honduras	Medium to Full	2006-Oct 27	A
Carlos Torano Exodus Nicaraguan Selection		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 23	A
Carlos Torano Exodus Reserva Selecta		Honduras	Medium to Full	2006-Jun 23	A
Chateau Real		Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-May 25	A

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Cohiba	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2006-Sep 1	A
Cusano Habano LXI	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Jun 13	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
Don Tomas Cameroon Collection	Honduras	Medium to Full	2008-Jul 11	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
Fundacion Ancestral - Pinar del Rio 1941	Costa Rica	Medium to Full	2008-Feb 15	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
Henry Clay	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Apr 4	A
Hoyo de Monterrey	Honduras	Medium to Full	2007-Jul 27	A
Hoyo de Tradicion	Honduras	Medium to Full	2008-Jul 25	A
Illusione	Honduras	Medium to Full	2008-Feb 29	A
Joya de Nicaragua Celebracion	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2004-Oct 18-22	A
Joya de Nicaragua Celebracion II	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Mar 28	A
La Aroma de Cuba	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2009-Sep 25	A
La Aroma de Cuba Edicion Especial	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Aug 08	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 Aurora Preferidos - Ecuadorian Sun Grown wrapper II	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Feb 22	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 Gloria Cubana Serie R	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2009-Nov 20	A
La Vieja Habana - Brazilian Maduro	(Value) Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-May 25	A
Mi Dominicana	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Jul 25	A
Montecristo Classic	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2005-Oct 7	A
Oliveros Classic Collection - Dual wrapper	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Mar 14	A
Oliveros Eight-Zero	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Mar 14	A
Oliveros Gran Reserva	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-Jul 13	A
Oliveros LTD II	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Mar 14	A
Padilla Habano	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Oct 13	A
Padilla Miami 8 & 11 II	USA	Medium to Full	2008-Jul 4	A
Padilla Miami 8 & 11 II	USA	Medium to Full	2008-Jul 4	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
Paul Garmirian 20th Anniversary Series	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2009-Nov 13	A
Paul Garmirian Soiree	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Oct 03	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 2 Limited Edition - Maduro wrapper	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Aug 08	A
Perdomo 2 Limited Edition - Natural wrapper	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Aug 08	A
Perdomo Habano - Corojo wrapper	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2007-Oct 5	A
Rocky Patel Decade 10th Anniversary	Honduras	Medium to Full	2008-Sep 26	A
Roxor Deluxe - Cameroon wrapper	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2008-Feb 29	A
Saint Luis Rey Reserva Especial	Honduras	Medium to Full	2008-Jun 27	A
San Cristobal	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2009-Sep 25	A
Sancho Panza Double Maduro II	Honduras	Medium to Full	2008-May 16	A
Savinelli Fuerte	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Aug 11	A
Savinelli Special Selection	Nicaragua	Medium to Full	2006-Aug 11	A

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Te-Amo World Selection - Honduras Blend	Mexico	Medium to Full	2007-Sep 7	A
The Griffin's Fuerte	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-May 2	A
The Griffin's Special Edition XXIV	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Aug 22	A
Trinidad - Maduro wrapper	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2008-Oct 10	A
Vogel Red	Costa Rica	Medium to Full	2008-Aug 14	A
Zino Platinum Crown	Dom. Rep.	Medium to Full	2007-Sep 21	A
Arganese - Chairman blend	Dom. Rep.	Full	2008-Feb 15	A
Bolivar	Dom. Rep.	Full	2005-Oct 21	A
C.A.O. La Traviata	Nicaragua	Full	2009-Sep 18	A
C.A.O. Lx2	Nicaragua	Full	2008-Aug 01	A
Camacho Coyolar Puro II	Honduras	Full	2006-Oct 27	A
Camacho Special Limited Reserve II - Natural wrapper	Honduras	Full	2006-Oct 27	A
Casa Magna - Colorado II	Nicaragua	Full	2009-Oct 16	A
Cohiba XV	Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Sep 1	A
Davidoff Maduro Robusto	Dom. Rep.	Full	2008-Aug 22	A
El Rey del Mundo II	Honduras	Full	2008-Dec 26	A
Felipe Gregorio Moroccan Series - Imilchil 30/70	Dom. Rep.	Full	2009-Aug 28	A
Felipe Power	Dom. Rep.	Full	2007-Apr 20	A
Felipe Pure	Dom. Rep.	Full	2009-Aug 28	A
Fuente Aged Selection - Don Carlos Edicion de Aniversario	Dom. Rep.	Full	2009-Oct 2	A
Garo Los Lectores	Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Aug 18	A
Good Bad & Ugly - Valient	Nicaragua	Full	2008-Sep 08	A
Gurkha Ancient Reserve	Honduras	Full	2009-Dec 25	A
Gurkha Evil	Honduras	Full	2009-Dec 25	A
Indian Tabac Cameroon Legend	Honduras	Full	2008-May 9	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 Ligerero	Dom. Rep.	Full	2005-Sep 23	A
Natural	Nicaragua	Full	2007-May 25	A
Oliva Serie V	Nicaragua	Full	2008-Aug 01	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 Cameroon Especial	Honduras	Full	2008-Sep 26	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
Romeo y Julieta Habana Reserve	Honduras	Full	2008-Sep 12	A
Roxor Deluxe - Connecticut wrapper	Nicaragua	Full	2008-Feb 29	A
Saint Luis Rey Serie G - Maduro wrapper	Honduras	Full	2008-Jun 27	A
Spag & Co. - Calico Jack/Black Label	Dom. Rep.	Full	2008-Mar 21	A
Te-Amo - Maduro wrapper	Mexico	Full	2007-Sep 7	A
Vegas de Fonseca	Dom. Rep.	Full	2006-Jun 16	A
Vogel Green	Costa Rica	Full	2008-Aug 14	A
