

# Cigar Snob

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# TOP 25

## 7 CIGARS OF 2013

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+ 42 CIGARS RATED + LESSONS FROM ERNESTO PADILLA + BRAND BREAKDOWN: NUB CIGARS + SEXY DJ + ZACH MCGOWAN Q&A + MORE!

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### Nº 4 OLIVA SERIE V MELANIO MADURO

*Tabacalera Oliva S.A. in Nicaragua*



**WRAPPER:** Mexico  
**BINDER:** Nicaragua  
**FILLER:** Nicaragua  
**VITOLA:** Torpedo  
**PHYSICAL SIZE:** 6 1/2 x 52  
**MSRP:** \$ 13.00  
**RATING:** 94

Last year, the Oliva Cigar family released the Oliva Serie V Melanio and it quickly shot up the ranks to become the 2012 Cigar of the Year. But line extensions can be tricky. Many thought that the release of the Oliva Serie V Melanio Maduro would be received with indifference. Not even close; during our travels throughout the country visiting tobacconists, we kept hearing how the Melanio Maduro was flying off the shelves. So we rated it in our September/October 2013 issue and we were floored by the cigar. It still has that incredible aroma that became the hallmark of the Melanio, but the San Andrés Maduro wrapper adds an earthy and sweet dimension that – in the minds of some – makes it even better than the original Melanio. Either way, the Melanio Maduro is this year's No. 4 cigar of the year.