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OLIVA SERIE V

Made by: Tabacalera Oliva Tabolisa, Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Binder: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaragua

Price: \$5.50–\$8.00

Details: Oliva Serie V cigars first hit the market in June for a soft launch, then made their official debut at the trade show. The cigars come in seven sizes: Double Robusto, 5 by 54; Belicoso, 5 by 54; Torpedo, 6 by 56; Double Toro, 6 by 60; Special V Figurado, 6 by 60; Lancero, 7 by 38; and Churchill Extra, 7 by 52. The filler blend comes from the fourth priming rather than the fifth, for balance, and this is combined with a high-priming Habano Sun Grown wrapper, which adds strength. All cigars in the line are larger ring gauge except for the lancero.

What makes it special: The cigars were rated in the September 11 issue of *Cigar Insider*, posting an average score of 89.7 points. Two of the cigars, the Double Robusto and Torpedo, scored higher than 90, and the latter earned a stunning 94, tying it for the highest score given by *Cigar Insider* or *Cigar Aficionado* to date in 2007.