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## OLIVA MADURO HITS SHELVES

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Oliva Cigar Co. has released the 2009 version of the Oliva Serie V Maduro Especial. The entire Serie V line is made in fairly small quantities, but the maduro version is rarer than the original, known as the Liga Especial—Oliva only releases 50,000 Serie V Maduros per year.



Last year's release rated 89 points, and was made with a dark Connecticut broadleaf wrapper. It was described as "hardy and powerful." This year's version has been changed—instead of broadleaf, the wrapper is Habano seed grown in Nicaragua, making the cigar a Nicaraguan puro.

"The wrapper is a Nicaraguan Habano. The difference in natural and maduro are mostly found in the wrapper," said José Oliva, vice president of Oliva Cigar Co. "The blend is altered only slightly to accommodate some of the naturally occurring sweetness of the maduro wrapper."

The Oliva Serie V Maduro comes in one size, a 6 1/2 inch long, 52 ring gauge figurado, and comes in boxes of 10. It has a suggested retail price of \$9. ■