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RATED**

DECEMBER 2007 \$4.95
\$5.95 CAN \$6 CUBA \$5.25 UK
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When a cigar scores 94 points, everyone notices. But when a cigar scores 94 points and retails for less than \$7, it is proof that a near-classic smoke does not have to be inordinately expensive. New from Oliva, the Serie V Torpedo is beautifully made and teeming with taste, with flavors that are dynamic, rich and resonant. It is the only non-Cuban cigar this year to score 94 points in CIGAR AFICIONADO. Not far behind was the Montecristo No. 2, which scored 92 points, and the Fuente Fuente OpusX PerfecXion No. 2, rated 91 points. It was no surprise, as both cigars consistently score in the 90s.



NICARAGUA

RING GAUGE: 56 LENGTH: 6"
 FILLER: NICARAGUA
 BINDER: NICARAGUA
 WRAPPER: NICARAGUA

OLIVA SERIE V TORPEDO

This attractive, oily torpedo is full of dynamic nut, wood and sweet cedar flavors that frame a substantial leather core. The finish is long and rich. Tasty and complex.
 U.S.: \$6.75 U.K.: £11.90

94



CUBA

RING GAUGE: 52 LENGTH: 6 1/8"
 FILLER: CUBA
 BINDER: CUBA
 WRAPPER: CUBA
 BOX DATE: NOVEMBER 2006

MONTECRISTO NO. 2

A gorgeous pyramid that is earthy, full bodied and spicy, with rich texture and perfect mouthfeel to the smoke. Great now, but this cigar should age very well.
 U.S.: N/A U.K.: £15.70

92



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

RING GAUGE: 52 LENGTH: 6 3/8"
 FILLER: DOM. REP.
 BINDER: DOM. REP.
 WRAPPER: DOM. REP.

FUENTE FUENTE OPUSX PERFECXION NO. 2

This attractive figurado has a fine draw and burn. It's a medium- to full-bodied smoke, with heavy wood and mineral notes and an earthy finish. A balanced smoke.
 U.S.: \$14.00 U.K.: N/A

91



NICARAGUA

RING GAUGE: 52 LENGTH: 6 1/4"
 FILLER: NICARAGUA
 BINDER: NICARAGUA
 WRAPPER: NICARAGUA

BLACK PEARL ROJO TORPEDO

Oily and dark, and very well made. This rich, cedary cigar has leathery flavors and a touch of butterscotch. A medium-bodied cigar that's very sweet on the finish.
 U.S.: \$5.90 U.K.: N/A

90



CUBA

RING GAUGE: 42 LENGTH: 4 3/4"
 FILLER: CUBA
 BINDER: CUBA
 WRAPPER: CUBA
 BOX DATE: DECEMBER 2006

CUABA TRADICIONALES

A perfecto with great color. It burns poorly but it has a nice draw. It's peppery and spicy. There's some leather on the palate as well as cedar, leading to a long finish. Medium to full bodied.
 U.S.: N/A U.K.: £8.00

90



HONDURAS

RING GAUGE: 54 LENGTH: 5 1/2"
 FILLER: HONDURAS,
 NICARAGUA, DOM. REP.
 BINDER: U.S.A./CONN. BROADLEAF
 WRAPPER: ECUADOR

PUNCH RARE COROJO CRYSTAL

This attractive torpedo wears an oily wrapper. A good draw delivers smoke rich with milk chocolate flavor, joined by woody notes and a spicy, vanilla finish.
 U.S.: \$6.30 U.K.: N/A

90