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Cigars are listed first by country and then by score. Please refer to the main tasting pages for notes and prices.

CIGAR AFICIONADO'S 100-POINT SCALE

Classic
95-100

Outstanding
90-94

Very good to excellent
80-89

Average to good
commercial quality
70-79

Don't waste your money
0-70

Not available
n/a

*Note: all prices are
manufacturers' suggested
retail, before taxes.*

NICARAGUA

88 Oliva Special S No. 4

CIGAR AFICIONADO'S

TOP FIFTY CIGARS

These 50 cigars are among the very best in the world, the highest-scoring cigars out of the hundreds rated over the past 12 months of issues at CIGAR AFICIONADO. These outstanding smokes are proof of the high-quality cigars being made today in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Honduras and other countries. Each is crafted entirely by hand out of stocks of well-aged, rich tobaccos. Some are *puros*, made entirely from tobacco grown in one country, while others contain blends from several nations. While some are expensive, others can be had for only a few dollars. What they share in common is that each is a rewarding smoke, a work of art that should be admired and then savored slowly.



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NICARAGUA | ROBUSTO



OLIVA MASTER BLENDS 2 ROBUSTO

RING GAUGE: 50 • LENGTH: 5"

FILLER: NICARAGUA

BINDER: NICARAGUA

WRAPPER: ECUADOR

U.S.: \$9.00 U.K.: N/A

An attractive and silky robusto with a lush draw and pleasant aroma. It's leathery and toasty, with a rich body and a meaty character. Medium to full bodied.

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NICARAGUA | ROBUSTO



OLIVA GRAND CAMEROON ROBUSTO

RING GAUGE: 50 • LENGTH: 4 1/2"

FILLER: NICARAGUA

BINDER: NICARAGUA

WRAPPER: CAMEROON

U.S.: \$3.00 U.K.: N/A

A pressed cigar with a rich cocoa color. It's meaty,

TOP CIGAR PICKS

SHOPPING LIST

DECEMBER 2006

100-POINT SCALE

CLASSIC: 95-100

OUTSTANDING: 90-94

VERY GOOD TO EXCELLENT: 80-89

AVERAGE TO GOOD

COMMERCIAL QUALITY: 70-79

DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEY: 0-70

NOT AVAILABLE: n/a

Prices shown reflect the suggested retail price.

THIS MONTH'S TOP CIGAR PICKS BROUGHT
TO YOU BY:



Top Coronas



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OLIVA SPECIAL S NO. 4

Nicaragua

U.S.: \$6.50

coronas

The Oliva Special S series is the company's most expensive line to date. This corona carried an undercurrent of sweetness down to the finish.



NICARAGUA

RING GAUGE: 43 LENGTH: 5"
FILLER: NICARAGUA
BINDER: NICARAGUA
WRAPPER: ECUADOR

OLIVA SPECIAL S NO. 4

The wrapper on this corona is lightly hued with few flaws. A lush draw delivers chewy smoke full of leather, nougat and cherry flavors. The finish is long and sweet.
U.S.: \$6.50 U.K.: N/A

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