

Casino Gold, Toro (6.0”x50)

MEDIUM



THE BRAND

Royal Gold Cigars is a relatively new company, but being backed by the cigar giants at Swisher International Inc. and headed by two industry veterans — namely Alex Goldman and Joe Ghiloni — Royal Gold has 50 years of experience under its belt. With their long-standing industry connections, Goldman and Ghiloni have brought in numerous legendary manufacturers to produce some exceptional premium blends such as Nestor Plasencia, Drew Estate, and Augusto Reyes. The medium-bodied Casino Gold line was crafted by the detail-oriented hands of Nestor Plasencia. Having impeccable construction, Casino Gold uses a Nicaraguan wrapper leaf from the fertile region of Jalapa. Inside are well-aged Honduran long-fillers that are given the proper time to meld together with every cigar placed in cedar lined rooms for months after rolling.

THE CIGAR

Construction	12/15	Featuring a light brown wrapper with ample spider-like veins, there are no construction issues to speak of here. The flavor profile is on the lighter side upon the first draw but then a great deal of spice rushes in on the finish, which makes for an interesting experience. Spice, sweetness, and some cedar notes are dominating here. The strength is a classic medium body although the immense flavors leave you entirely satisfied. A more than worthy cigar from an industry giant.
Flavor & Body	22/25	
Smoke & Burn	23/25	
Impression	31/35	
Overall	88/100	

Sancho Panza Double Maduro, Lancero (5.2”x54)

MEDIUM-FULL



THE BRAND

Sancho Panza’s roots can be traced back to Cuba in the year 1848. Sancho Panza takes its name from a character in the legendary Spanish novel Don Quixote written over 400 years ago. In 1852 the first Sancho Panza cigars were produced, quickly gaining a following for their affordable pricing as well as their steadfast quality. As the years progressed and the embargo was enacted, Sancho Panza found a new home in Honduras. The similar climate and lush soils unveiled a product with remarkable similarities to the Sanchos of old and to this day they are a staple in the humidors of loyalists across the nation. Medium to full-bodied, Sancho Panza Double Maduro boasts an Oscuro wrapper leaf atop a Connecticut Broadleaf binder and a three country long-filler buffet from Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic.

THE CIGAR

Construction	13/15	This cigar boasts an extremely dark and oily maduro wrapper and is nicely box-pressed. It appears the cap was applied a bit on an angle but it had no effect on the cut or performance as the cigar burns well. The main flavors detected were notes of leather, coffee, and chocolate throughout. The strength was on the full side of medium but not overpowering at all. This cigar continues to deliver enjoyable flavors on a consistent basis at an amazing value.
Flavor & Body	24/25	
Smoke & Burn	22/25	
Impression	31/35	
Overall	90/100	

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CONNOISSEUR'S CHOICE



CIGAR	STATUS	SIZE	WRAPPER	COUNTRY
Daniel Marshall Red Label, Robusto	Feature	5.5”x52	Habano	Nicaragua
Romeo y Julieta Habana Reserve, Churchill	Recommended	7.0”x54	Habano	Honduras
Asylum Premium, Toro	Recommended	6.0”x50	Habano	Nicaragua
Casino Gold, Toro	Everyday	6.0”x50	Habano	Honduras
Sancho Panza Double Maduro, Lancero	Everyday	5.2”x54	Maduro	Honduras

Each cigar in this installment of the Cigar of the Month Club is decorated with the well-above average *Cigar Aficionado* rating. Aptly named Connoisseur’s Choice, this collection of premiums are proven standbys for aficionados who demand exceptional quality and flavor. Our first selection comes to you from a purveyor of humidors and cigars whose high-end qualities and sophistication have resulted in their honored place in the homes of celebrities and dignitaries — the one and only Daniel Marshall. Daniel Marshall Red Label utilizes a pristine Habano wrapper atop Nicaraguan long-fillers from the fertile soils of Jalapa and Estelí. Next up is a brand that needs no introduction, Romeo y Julieta. Our recommended choice here is the Habana Reserve in the Churchill size. A standby for so many already, this blend showcases a Nicaraguan Habano wrapper leaf oozing with oils, and just beneath lies a high quality Nicaraguan binder, with long-fillers from Nicaragua and Honduras rounding out with mix. Our next recommendation is a product of two men whose ambition to create a ‘refuge from reality’ has resulted in this phenomenal line called Asylum. Asylum Premium in the toro size is a full-bodied Nicaraguan puro revered for its spicy attributes, and it’s a cigar that encompasses the true taste of Nicaragua. For this month’s everyday picks, we bring you an expertly crafted blend from the hands of legendary cigar maker Nestor Plasencia, and it’s called Casino Gold. Casino Gold’s spotless Nicaraguan wrapper draws you in at first glance, but its complexity and balance is what keeps you hanging around until the end. Last but not least is a wonderfully smooth, double maduro-wrapped beauty from a brand that has its roots embedded in Cuba. Sancho Panza Double Maduro is a Honduran-made, affordable diamond in the rough that boasts a trifecta of refined long-fillers from Nicaragua, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. So have a taste of the tried and true. These five critically acclaimed, top-rated premium cigars are certainly deserving of all the attention.





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Daniel Marshall Red Label, Robusto (5.5"x52)

THE BRAND

Daniel Marshall's ability to produce luxurious humidors whose functionality equals their beauty elevated him to rock star status years ago. Since then he has been rubbing shoulders with celebrities such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, many of whom sport his high-end humidors in their mansions and yachts. More recently Marshall has been trying his hand in the cigar game. Not to be outdone by his humidors he has made it a priority to produce some of the most unique and delicious blends on the market. Daniel Marshall Red Label fits this model perfectly while, in comparison, being very reasonably priced. Graced with a Nicaraguan Habano wrapper and filled out with refined Nicaraguan long-leaves, this prize is a medium to full-bodied masterpiece recognized by *Cigar Aficionado* with a 90-rating.

THE CIGAR

Construction

14/15

With near perfect construction and a seamlessly applied cap, this elegant-looking cigar is enticing.

Flavor & Body

23/25

A myriad of flavors burst from this cigar including a nice spice, sweetness, cedar, and notes of chocolate. There is a very nice balance between the bity spice and creamier tones. This blend has quite a bit of strength that is really apparent towards the final third of the cigar.

Smoke & Burn

23/25

The burn line is very straight, leaving a compact, white ash that holds for well over an inch without falling off.

Impression

32/35

From its classy appearance to the great construction and flavors, this cigar is one that will be revisited often.

Overall

92/100

Exceptional Daniel Marshall quality at a great price.

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RECOMMENDED CIGAR

Romeo y Julieta Habana Reserve, Churchill (7.0"x54)

MEDIUM-FULL



THE BRAND

A brand with true staying power is something every manufacturer strives for and Romeo y Julieta is one brand they look to for inspiration. The epitome of staying power, Romeo y Julieta has been gracing the humidors of loyal consumers since 1875. Originally a Cuban brand, since the embargo it has reemerged, now under the Altadis umbrella, as a Dominican stalwart of the industry. Romeo y Julieta Habana Reserve is a bolder version of the classic mild to medium-bodied Romeo lines that had previously been released. Utilizing a dark and oily Habano wrapper leaf, Habana Reserve delivers a medium to full-bodied profile to cater to the developing palate of Romeo's long-time loyal followers. This blend's character and complexity has deservedly earned it a '90' rating from *Cigar Aficionado*.

THE CIGAR

Construction

13/15

The oily Habano wrapper is of high quality and the cap is neatly applied. Firm to the touch with a nice draw, this cigar offered a pleasant flavor profile of cedar, spice, and some floral notes. These flavors are consistent throughout the cigar and not overly complex, but a very smooth and pleasant cigar that can be enjoyed often by any enthusiast. A classic, standby cigar by Romeo.

Flavor & Body

23/25

Smoke & Burn

24/25

Impression

30/35

Overall

90/100

RECOMMENDED CIGAR

Asylum Premium, Toro (6.0"x50)

MEDIUM-FULL



THE BRAND

From the mind that brought you the esteemed Camacho cigar line, Christian Eiroa reclaims his top-tiered master-blender status with a line that immediately catapulted to a 91' rating in *Cigar Aficionado*. With the help of the skilled Tom Lazuka and Kevin Baxter, Asylum Premium has wowed audiences since its inception. A Nicaraguan puro aimed to help the working man escape his daily stresses, this is a medium to full-bodied work of art. This boutique beauty exemplifies the true taste of Nicaragua, laying claim to an impeccable dark Habano wrapper with Nicaraguan long-fillers packed just beneath.

THE CIGAR

Construction

13/15

There was a slight uneven burn that can be easily corrected with a lighter but the draw is excellent. Although this has a big and bold flavor profile reminiscent of Christian Eiroa's previous Camacho line, there is a very smooth finish as well. Notes of leather, oak, and a touch of vanilla sweetness are abundant throughout this medium to full-bodied cigar. Perfect for fans of strong cigars with just the right amount of complexity and balance.

Flavor & Body

24/25

Smoke & Burn

22/25

Impression

32/35

Overall

91/100

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