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WHY SMOKE HABANOS?

Habanos are seen as the very finest that the cigar world can offer. Like a fine champagne or cognac, there is something about the land and climate in certain parts of Cuba that produces the most flavoursome tobacco in the world. Though Cuba has over 100,000 acres of land that grows tobacco, only 15-20% of this land is deemed good enough for the production of tobacco for Habanos cigars. Most of the tobacco produced for Habanos cigars is from the Vuelta Abajo region of Cuba, to the Southwest of Havana, though still only a quarter of the tobacco produced in most of these plantations is used for Habanos (with the exception of the Robaina plantation, whose tobacco is seen as so consistently good that over 80% of its output is used for Habanos!).

In much the same way that *terroir*, or the mineral content of the soil, can affect the flavour of a fine wine, the different tobacco plantations all produce tobacco with distinctly different characteristics because of the varying characteristics of the land. It is then up to the cigar brands themselves to blend these various leaves in order to recreate their unique style and flavour in each and every cigar they produce.

THE TOBACCO

When a box of Habanos states 'Totamente a Mano' or 'totally hand-made', it means just that. No machines are employed at any stage of the production. Even animal traction is still used when ploughing the land, so as not to compact the soil. This is the most labour intensive process in all of the luxury consumables industry, and the process of growing, harvesting and curing the leaves takes up to 10 months.

GROWING

Each cigar is made from a blend of five different types of leaf taken from two variants of the same plant, *Tabaco Negro Cubano*. One plant, *Criollo*, is used to produce the leaves that make up the filler and binder, and another, *Corojo*, is used to make the leaves that form the cosmetic sheen of the cigar that is the wrapper. Whilst *Criollo* is grown under the full force of the Cuban sun to help develop stronger flavours, *Corojo* is grown in the shade under vast canopies of muslin cloth to help protect its delicate nature. In total, each plantation is responsible for up to 500,000 plants, and each plant must be visited over 150 times before harvest time, removing the top buds and side-shoots of each plant. The leaves at the top of the plant are left on the plant for up to thirty days longer than those at the bottom to help concentrate the flavour and sugar content. Planting begins in September, with harvesting beginning in December, running all the way through until March.

CURING AND AGEING

Leaves that have been harvested are then taken to the curing barn where they will be sorted into their various classes and cured until they turn brown. This is achieved by tying them in pairs and hanging them for between 25-50 days depending on the type of leaf. Once cured, they leave the farm, and are taken to a sorting house, or *Escogida*, where they will be stacked together in mounds so large that they will naturally ferment, in a similar way to compost. This process helps to purify the tobacco from Nicotine and Tar, to levels much lower than that of a single cigarette. Here the wrapper leaves will then go straight to the warehouse for at least six months of ageing, packed in tight bales. The filler leaves, however, are again classified into their various types, sizes and colours before being sent to another facility, the *Despalillo*, or stripping house. Here, the central vein is removed from the leaf in a single swift motion. This is usually performed on the lap of a factory worker, who is almost always a woman. This procedure has given rise to the myth that Cuban cigars are rolled on the thighs of virgins!

This procedure is followed by another period of fermentation and finally packed in bales to begin the ageing process, the length of which is determined by the type of leaf.

Ligero is full-flavoured and slow-burning. It takes longer to ferment, and over two years to age before this leaf is considered ready to be blended into a Habanos. Ligero leaves are taken from the top of the *Criollo* tobacco plant.

Seco is extremely aromatic, and burns at a medium pace. It needs 12 to 18 months of ageing, and its leaves are taken from the middle of the plant.

Volado is lightly flavoured, and very combustible. Volado leaves need at least nine months of ageing, and come from the bottom of the plant. Volado leaves are also used to make the *binder* of the cigar. As you can see, the more flavoursome the leaf, the longer it is left to age, until it is ready to become part of a Habanos...

IN THE FACTORY

After the leaf has been aged, it is unpacked, and is ready to be sorted into the various blends that make up the particular flavours and characteristics of each and every Habanos. These secret blends are held by the *Ligador* or 'Master Blender', and after carefully examining the leaves available to him, he arranges these different leaves, sorted by their size, age, and area of origin. Many of these leaves will have been picked over three years prior to this!

THE TORCEDOR'S TABLE

The cigar rollers themselves (now usually women) are known in Cuba as *Torcedores / Torcedoras*, literally translating as 'Twisters'. This, however, is the one thing that they can never do when rolling a cigar, as it will result in a tight or blocked draw of the cigar.

A rollers table consists of just five very traditional tools: The *tabla*, like a wooden chopping board; the *chaveta*, a curved but flat blade; the *casquillo*, a small disc-cutting tool (used for cutting the shape of the cap); the *cepo*, used for checking the length and girth of the cigar; the *guillotine*, for cutting the cigar to size; and finally a pot of vegetable gum called *goma*, which acts as the glue to keep the leaves in place.

When rolling, the Torcedor will arrange the leaves that compose the blend with their veined undersides facing inwards. She will then fold and align the leaves so that a straight passage for air is ensured. The lighter-flavoured tip of the leaf is placed at the foot of the cigar so that the most intense smoke comes towards the end, and the ligero leaf (if being used) is always placed in the centre of the cigar. This is then wrapped within the binder leaf (*capote*) to form a *bonche*, or 'bunch' into the exact diameter required for the cigar. At this point the head of the cigar is cut with the guillotine, and the bunch is placed within a large mould for 20 minutes or so as she makes more.

When enough bunches are ready, she prepares the wrapper leaf (*capa*), which will become the cosmetic finish of the cigar. This leaf is carefully trimmed to shape and size with the chaveta, and is wrapped around the bunch, starting at the foot. Once this is finished, a small section of capa, called *the flag*, is cut and used to close off the mouth end of the cigar. This is then finished with a small disc of capa, finishing the cap. A good Torcedor can roll up to 150 cigars a day, depending on the size and shape.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR CIGARS AND HABANOS

Though the cigars rolled at the table in La Casa are made by Habanos Torcedores, and with the same tobacco used in Habanos cigars, it is vital to understand that these cigars are not Habanos, and cannot be promoted as such. In the same way that Scotch whisky must be produced in Scotland, Habanos are subject to appellation control, and must be produced in Cuba. There are a few other differences though:

- a) La Casa's Torcedor selects his/her own blends, rather than having a Ligador perform this task.
- b) Most factories perform quality control checks on up to 10% of their output, with Cohiba checking up to 20%.
- c) Habanos spend at least 1 week in a conditioning room to shake off excess moisture before being packaged, and then usually between 6 months to 5 years can go by before the box ends up on store shelves. During this time the cigars inside each box will be slowly maturing, improving their flavour. Fresh cigars right off the table have a noticeably punchier taste.
- d) La Casa cigars are unbanded and unbranded, and as our rollers tend to each bring the unique style of their home factory with them, the flavour is subject to constant change

Our cigar roller is in Monday to Saturday from 5pm, and rolls a selection of Panatelas (£5), Coronas (£8), Robustos (£10) and Piramides (£12) but can roll also to request. To try a freshly rolled cigar, please ask any member of staff, who will be happy to show you.

CIGAR LIST

HOYO DE MONTERREY

Light Flavour

The Hoyo de Monterrey brand was born in 1865, created by Jose Gener and named after his own tobacco plantation. Hoyos are characteristically smooth, light and very flavourful, with great elegance and complexity. The brand was originally renowned for its larger sizes, the most famous being the Double Corona. The Epicure no.2 is Terence Conran's favourite cigar – 'They have enough flavour, but aren't too aggressive'. He often smokes as many as four a day.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Double Coronas	47	7 5/8	£19.20	£450
Churchills	47	7	£17.20	£400
Coronas	42	5 5/8	£10.70	£255
Short Coronas	42	5 1/8	£8.20	£195
Epicure no.1	46	5 5/8	£13.10	£315
Epicure no.2	50	4 7/8	£12.50	£295
Petit Robusto	50	4	£10.00	£230
Extravaganza	50	7 ¼	£60.00	£895

HOYO DE MONTERREY cont...

In 1970, the 'Le Hoyo' range was introduced to dispel the myth that the brand could not produce quality cigars in small sizes. This range is spicier and fuller-bodied than standard Hoyos with smaller ring gauges. The 'Du Dauphin' is a particularly fine example.

Le Hoyo Series

Light to Medium Flavour

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Du Gourmet	33	6 ¾	£9.20	£220
Des Dieux	42	6 1/8	£12.20	£295
Du Dauphin	38	6	£10.60	£250
Du Roi	42	5 5/8	£10.70	£255
Du Prince	40	5 1/8	£8.70	£205
Du Depute	38	4 3/8	£7.20	£170
Du Maire	30	4	£5.30	£135
Minis	Pack (20)	£13.50		

FONSECA***Light Flavour***

Don Francisco Fonseca founded his brand in 1890. Unusually, each cigar is individually wrapped in white tissue paper. Extremely popular in Spain, they are excellent light cigars with a slightly salty flavour. They are competitively priced, make a great daytime smoke, and they are also ideal for beginners.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
KDT Cadetes	36	4 ½	£5.00	£120
Cosacos	42	5 3/8	£8.40	£200
Fonseca no.1	43	6 3/8	£10.90	£260

RAPHAEL GONZALEZ***Light Flavour***

Originally created for the British market by the Spanish aristocrat Marquez Raphael Gonzalez in the late 1920s, they are now produced in the Romeo y Julieta factory and have always had a high reputation. Each box of these cigars carries a label that states that if the cigars are not consumed within one month of shipment from Cuba, that they should be carefully aged for about 1 year. Although a favourite of discerning smokers, beginners can do no better than start with this exquisitely fragrant brand.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Lonsdales	42	6 ½	£10.90	£260
Petit Coronas	42	5 1/8	£7.80	£185
Coronas Extra	46	5 1/8	£11.10	£265

EL REY DEL MUNDO***Light Flavour***

This brand was originally made at the Antonio Allones factory and when in 1882 the factory launched a new range of cigars they modestly named it "El Rey del Mundo" or "King of the World". The cigars are now produced at the Romeo y Julieta factory and are renowned for their distinctive yet subtle aroma and fine, oily wrappers. The Choix Supreme is a favourite amongst aficionados and beginners alike.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Tainos	47	7	£15.20	£355
Choix Supreme	48	5	£10.10	£240
Demi Tasse	30	4	£3.90	£95
Lonsdales	42	6 ½	£10.80	£255
Petit Coronas	42	5 1/8	£7.80	£185
Tres Petit Coronas	40	4 5/8	£6.90	£165

SANCHO PANZA***Light to Medium Flavour***

In Cervantes famous novel "Don Quixote" it was Sancho Panza who was the errant knight's faithful squire. His name was first used for a Habano in 1848. Despite being one of the oldest in production, this small and relatively unknown brand has only been available outside of the Spanish market since the 1990s. A good daytime smoke, these cigars are very mild with an elegant aroma and the Belicosos provides a great introduction to the Piramide vitola (size).

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Sanchos	47	9 1/4	£24.10	£230 (10)
Coronas Gigantes	47	7	£15.20	£145 (10)
Molinos	42	6 ½	£11.00	£260
Belicosos	52	5 ½	£12.80	£305
Non Plus	42	5 1/8	£7.70	£185

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LA HABANA*Light to Medium Flavour*

These cigars were introduced in 1999 as a tribute to the city of Havana on the eve of the new Millennium. Each of the vitolas is named after one of the fortresses built there by the Spanish to defend the jewel in their empire. The blend is rich and aromatic with a mild to medium flavour, the intensity increasing with the size. A limited edition range of three sizes was launched in 2006 and are exclusively available at La Casa del Habano.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
El Morro	47	7 1/8	£18.00	£425
La Punta	52	5 ½	£13.60	£320
La Fuerza	50	5 ½	£14.70	£350
El Principe	42	4 3/8	£7.20	£175
'LIMITED EDITION 2006 RANGE' exclusive to LA CASA DEL HABANO				
Oficios	43	5 1/3	£10.40	£230
Mercaderes	48	6 5/8	£15.90	£360
Muralla	54	7 1/8	£19.50	£450

PUNCH***Light to Medium Flavour***

This is the second oldest cigar brand still in production, being established in 1840. Aimed at the British market, it was named in honour of the satirical magazine and the boxes still carry an image of the irascible Mr Punch smoking a cigar and looking much more contented than usual. The cigars are light to medium with a slightly sweet flavour and a delicate, spicy aroma that is truly allowed to shine through the larger sizes. The Punch Punch is well established as one of the classics.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Double Coronas	49	7 5/8	£19.00	£450
Churchills	47	7	£16.70	£395
Churchill Tubos	47	7	£19.00	£440
Ninfas	33	7	£7.70	£180
Punch Punch	46	5 5/8	£12.60	£295
Coronas	42	5 5/8	£10.20	£240
Tres Petit Coronas	42	4 3/8	£7.20	£170
Petit Punch	40	4	£6.70	£160
Margaritas	26	4 ¾	£4.90	£115
Coronations (in tubes)	42	5 1/8	£7.70	£185
Minis	Pack(20)	£13.50		

JUAN LOPEZ***Light to Medium Flavour***

Here is one of the few Havana brands which is offered only in handmade styles, started in 1876 by Juan Lopez Diaz. After his death, the brand was owned by Cosme del Paso y Cia. until nationalization.

This is a brand that has previously been available in extremely limited supply in the UK. Production is very small, entailing excellent quality. As distinctively aromatic as the finest of Punch cigars, these are cigars definitely worth trying.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Seleccion no. 2	50	4 7/8	£12.00	£285
Seleccion no.1	46	5 5/8	£12.20	£290
Petit Coronas	42	5 1/8	£8.20	£195

H.UPMANN***Light to Medium Flavour***

The H.Upmann factory is one of the oldest, biggest and best known in Havana and is steeped in history. Herman Upmann was a German banker and such a fan of Cuban cigars that when he moved to Havana in 1844, he set up his own cigar brand. He was the first to package cigars in the now standard cedar boxes and also pioneered the use of metal tubes to protect them during transit. The cigars provide a smooth, medium smoke and are perfect for beginners or daytime smokers.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Sir Winston	47	7	£21.20	£500
No.2	52	6 1/8	£14.80	£350
Monarchs (in tubes)	47	7	£19.00	£450
Coronas	42	5 5/8	£10.20	£240
Petit Coronas	42	5 1/8	£8.20	£195
Corona Junior	36	4 1/2	£5.20	£125
Corona Junior Tube	36	4 1/2	£5.90	£140
Magnum	46	5 5/8	£13.00	£280
Connoisseur no.1	48	5	£11.60	£280
Magnum 50 (2005)	50	6 ¼	£19.00	£430

POR LARRAÑAGA

Light to Medium Flavour

Por Larrañaga, founded in 1834, is the oldest Cuban brand still in production. In their heyday they were one of the most famous brands in the world, immortalized in the classic Rudyard Kipling poem *The Betrothed* - 'There's peace in a Larrañaga...'

Today the brand runs a very small production, and has not been available in the UK for some time. However, with the impending release of the long – awaited Magnifico vitola, we have procured these Petit Coronas as a teaser to remind us all in the UK what we've been missing: Light woody sweetness that gradually intensifies to a satisfyingly spicy finale. A cigar definitely worth trying...

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Petit Corona	42	5 1/8	£7.70	£360 (50)

ROMEO Y JULIETA***Medium Flavour***

Named after Shakespeare's tragic play, Romeo y Julieta was born as a cigar brand back in 1875 and came to prominence during the 20th century. The brand's popularity can be attributed not only to its fine cigars but also to the obsessive devotion of its owner, 'Pepin' Rodriguez Fernandez. He tirelessly pushed the brand in any way he could, even attempting to buy the supposed house of Capulet in Verona. Although he didn't manage that, he was allowed to have a stall under the balcony where, until 1939, each visitor was given a free cigar!

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Prince of Wales	47	7	£16.10	£385
Churchill	47	7	£16.50	£395
Churchill Tubos	47	7	£19.00	£450
Belicosos	52	5 ½	£13.60	£300
Cazadores	43	6 3/8	£11.50	£275
No.1 Tubos	40	5 ½	£11.30	£270
No.2 Tubos	42	5 1/8	£9.50	£230
No.3 Tubos	40	4 5/8	£8.00	£195
Exhibition no.3	46	5 5/8	£12.60	£300
Exhibition no.4	48	5	£11.00	£265

ROMEO Y JULIETA cont...

Coronas	42	5 5/8	£10.70	£260
Petit Coronas	42	5 1/8	£8.20	£195
Tres Petit Coronas	40	4 ½	£7.70	£185
Petit Princess	40	4	£6.70	£160
Petit Julietas	30	4	£4.40	£105
Cedros no.1	42	6 ½	£12.30	£295
Cedros no.2	42	5 5/8	£10.70	£255
Cedros no.3	42	5 1/8	£8.70	£205
Petit Piramide (2005)	50	5	£15.00	£340
Short Churchill	50	4 7/8	£12.30	£295
Short Churchill Tubos	50	4 7/8	£13.30	£37.50 (3)
Minis	Pack (10)	£6.00		

TRINIDAD

Medium Flavour

Before the launch of the Trinidad brand in 1998, connoisseurs around the world were very aware of its existence. The original Fundadores vitola had been used by the Cuban government as a diplomatic gift and even then only in small quantities. The cigars were virtually impossible to find and quickly became the Holy Grail for cigar enthusiasts, fetching as much as £400 per stick at auction. The tobacco used for Trinidad cigars is from the same plantations as for Cohiba. It is regarded as the 'selection of the selection' and the cigars reveal as much. Whereas Cohiba tobacco is fermented three times, Trinidad is only fermented twice providing a more approachable, medium flavour. The cigar construction is also second to none and can be appreciated both in the original Fundadores and the three other vitolas released in 2003.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Fundadores	47	7 ½	£19.80	£450 (24)
Robusto Extra	50	6 1/8	£21.80	£245 (12)
Coloniales	46	5 ¼	£11.60	£265 (24)
Reyes	40	4 3/8	£7.80	£180 (24)
Torre Iznaga (2006)	52	6	£50	£1000 (20)

DIPLOMATICOS***Medium Flavour***

This is a comparatively modern brand in so far as it was established for the French market during the 1960s. Though often denied, these cigars are essentially Montecristos with a different label. As such they are very high quality; rich and subtle with a fine aroma, although without the price tag. Like Montecristo they use numbers and not names to describe the different sizes.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Diplomaticos no.2	47	6 1/8	£13.40	£320
Diplomaticos no.4	42	5 1/8	£7.20	£170
Diplomaticos no.5	40	4	£5.70	£135

MONTECRISTO***Medium to Full Flavour***

The Menendez and Garcia families founded the Montecristo brand in 1935 and since then it has gone on to become the biggest-selling and probably most widely appreciated brand. Allegedly, it was the torcedores (cigar rollers) in the factory who named the brand after being read Dumas' famous novel "The Count of Monte Cristo". The Edmundo Dantes is also named after the novel's hero. The cigars have a medium to full flavour that increases in intensity with the size and have slightly oily wrappers. They are typically very aromatic with a distinctive tanginess.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
No.1	42	6 ½	£12.90	£315
No.2	52	6 1/8	£15.90	£380
No.3	42	5 ½	£11.50	£275
No.4	42	5 1/8	£8.60	£220
No.5	40	4	£6.80	£165
Tubos	42	6 1/8	£13.80	£330
Petit Tubos	42	5 1/8	£10	£240
Edmundo Tubos	52	5 1/3	£15.50	£46.00 (3)

MONTECRISTO cont...

"A"	47	9 ¼	£35.00	£845
"A" (Presentation Box)	47	9 ¼	£40.00	
Especial	38	7 ½	£14.00	£330
Especial no.2	38	6	£11.50	£275
Edmundo	52	5	£14.50	£350
Joyitas	26	4 ½	£5.80	£140
"C" (2003)	46	5 5/8	£16.50	£390
"D" (2005)	43	6 5/8	£14.50	£335
Robusto (2006)	50	4 7/8	£16.00	£380
Minis	Pack (10)	£6.50		

CUABA

Medium to Full Flavour

Launched in 1996 this brand has adopted the unique strategy of limiting itself to a singular format, the Double Figurado, which is tapered at each end. This style was popular at the end of the 19th Century but had disappeared by the 1930s. 'Cuaba' is the traditional Taino Indian word that refers to a bush that was used to light cigars at religious ceremonies.

Few rollers have the experience to roll these unique cigars and a special mould is required to standardise the shape. They are outstanding medium cigars with a sweet and mellow flavour. Due to the varying ring gauge, the flavour develops more than usual as the cigar burns, which is particularly appealing to connoisseurs.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Diademas	55	9 1/8	£28.00	£130 (5)
Salamones	57	7 ¼	£25.00	£245 (10)
Distinguidos	52	6 3/8	£15.80	£155 (10)
Exclusivos	46	5 ¾	£11.30	£270
Generosos	42	5 ¼	£9.00	£215
Tradicionales	42	4 ¾	£8.00	£195
Divinos	43	4	£6.80	£165

COHIBA

This brand rapidly achieved mythical status since its creation in 1966 for non-other than Fidel Castro himself and is the flagship brand of Habanos. The accepted version of the brand's origins is that cigars privately made, and blended by roller Eduardo Rivera, came to the attention of Castro through one of his bodyguards. He was so impressed that he immediately put Rivera in charge of the El Laguito factory and ordered official production to start immediately. Originally, the cigars were only seen outside Cuba as gifts for important dignitaries and diplomats until limited quantities were finally launched to the world in 1982.

Cohiba cigars are made with a blend of the finest leaves from the five best plantations in Cuba. They take priority over all other brands when selecting leaves and are rolled by only the best torcedores in the country. Uniquely two of its filler leaves undergo a third fermentation, producing the brand's distinctive rich spiciness.

Linea Clasica

Medium to Full Flavour

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Lanceros	38	7 ½	£19.00	£460
Esplendidos	47	7	£28.00	£670
Coronas Especiales	38	6	£15.40	£370
Exquisitos	33	5	£9.40	£225
Robustos	50	4 7/8	£17.20	£415
Panatelas	26	4 ½	£7.70	£185

COHIBA cont...**Linea 1492*****Medium Flavour***

These cigars are somewhat lighter than the earlier Cohibas, though still made to the highest of standards. The Siglo VI is widely regarded as one of the greatest cigars in the world.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Siglo I	40	4	£8.70	£210
Siglo II	42	5	£11.60	£280
Siglo II Tube	42	5	£14.00	£41 (3)
Siglo III	42	6 1/8	£15.20	£365
Siglo IV	46	5 1/8	£16.60	£400
Siglo V	43	6 5/8	£20.70	£500
Siglo VI	52	5 7/8	£25.50	£580
Siglo VI Tube	52	5 7/8	£26.00	£78 (3)
Double Corona (2003)	49	7	£33.00	£760
Piramide (2006)	52	5 5/8	£25.00	£225 (10)
Minis	Pack (10)	£9.00		
Club	Pack (20)	£22.00		

COHIBA contd...

MADURO 5

Medium to Full Flavour

Introduced in July 2007, this new series from Cohiba is their new, ultra-premium brand. All leaves have been matured for five years, and production has been kept very limited to maintain high standards. Extremely rich cacao and coffee flavours dominate in these spellbinding cigars, all with exclusive vitolas.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Secretos	40	4 1/3	£10.50	£250
Magicos	52	4 1/2	£20.50	£200 (10)
Genios	52	5 ½	£22.50	£540

PARTAGAS

Full Flavour

Don Jaime Partagas created the Partagas brand in 1845 and the factory that he then opened at 520 Industria Street in the centre of Havana is still making cigars today. It is now perhaps the most famous factory in the city and is visited by many tourists each year. It is renowned for producing fuller-bodied cigars and the Partagas range demonstrates this excellently. The Lusitanias is a powerful, though suprisingly sweet smoke but not for the uninitiated. The Petit Coronas, on the other hand, is a great introduction to full bodied cigars as the intense flavours are extremely well balanced.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Lusitanias	47	7 5/8	£19.00	£450
8/9/8 (Varnished)	43	6 ¾	£14.30	£345
8/9/8 (Unvarnished)	43	6 ½	£12.50	£310
Coronas	42	5 5/8	£10.50	£250
Petit Coronas	42	5 1/8	£8.30	£195
Tres Petit Coronas	40	4 5/8	£7.20	£160
Shorts	42	4 3/8	£7.40	£175
Connoisseur no.3	37	5 5/8	£8.90	£215

PARTAGAS cont...

The Serie D4 displays all the qualities that the larger Partagas sizes are known for: an earthy, rich bouquet and a slightly sweet, full flavour. Despite its strong and often bitter aftertaste, it is the most widely smoked Cuban *robusto* among aficionados, perfect after a heavy meal.

Serie D1 (2004)	50	6 5/8	£21.00	£445
Serie P2	52	5 5/8	£15.80	£375
Serie D3 (2006)	52	5 5/8	£14.80	£340
Serie D4	50	4 7/8	£12.50	£295

BOLIVAR***Full Flavour***

It is named in honour of Simon Bolivar, the 19th Century revolutionary hero who fought against Spanish rule and liberated much of South America. These are some of the fullest-bodied cigars and not recommended for beginners or daytime smokers. The rich, earthy flavours are intoxicating and perfect after a heavy meal.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Coronas Gigantes	47	7	£16.60	£390
Inmensas	43	6 ³ / ₄	£12.80	£305
Lonsdales	42	6 ¹ / ₂	£11.90	£280
Belicosos Finos	52	5 ¹ / ₂	£13.40	£315
Corona Extra	44	5 ⁵ / ₈	£11.00	£260
Coronas Junior	42	4 ³ / ₈	£7.20	£170
Petit Coronas	46	5 ¹ / ₈	£8.10	£195

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Royal Coronas	50	4 7/8	£11.40	£275
Bonitas	40	5	£7.10	£170
No. 1 Tubos	42	5 5/8	£11.30	£265
No. 2 Tubos	42	5 1/8	£9.00	£220
No. 3 Tubos	34	5	£6.50	£155
Limited Edition 2007 Release: Exclusive to LA CASA DEL HABANO				
Gold Medal	42	6 ½	£12.40	£120 (10)

RAMON ALLONES *Full Flavour*

Founded in 1837 by Ramon Allones, a Spanish immigrant, this brand is one of the oldest. It was the first brand to be packaged in boxes decorated with colourful labels and remains one of the most colourful brands to this day. The cigars are made in the Partagas factory and are correspondingly strong. Not for the faint-hearted, these are serious cigars and can take the edge off the heaviest of meals. All sizes have smooth, dark wrappers, are well constructed, and offer up a pronounced aroma.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Gigantes	49	7 5/8	£18.80	£445
8/9/8	43	6 ¾	£13.80	£320
Specially Selected	50	4 7/8	£11.50	£275
Ramonitas	26	4 ¾	£4.50	£105
Small Club Coronas	42	4 3/8	£6.90	£165
Belicosos	52	5 ½	£13.10	£310

VEGAS ROBAINA***Full Flavour***

The Robaina family have farmed tobacco continuously on their famous plantations since 1845. This brand was introduced in 1997 as a tribute to Don Alejandro Robaina who took over the plantations in 1950. Probably Cuba's most famous and respected tobacco grower, he is a national treasure and uniquely produces all his own leaves for his cigars. The cigars are very Cuban and not for those seeking subtlety. Although medium to full in flavour they have a raw energy and are extremely spicy and robust.

	Ring Gauge	Length	Stick	Box
Don Alejandros	47	7 5/8	£19.60	£465
Clasicos	42	6 ½	£12.10	£290
Unicos	52	6 1/8	£15.30	£365
Familiares	42	5 58	£10.40	£250
Famosos	48	5	£11.30	£270

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