



## Arturo Fuente Gran Reserva Pyramid

November is here and with that comes the classic Thanksgiving holiday and all the fixings that go along with it. So for this month I decided that I would review a cigar from the classic Arturo Fuente line, the Gran Reserva line is there flagship line of cigars, each leaf is selected from a private reserve set aside exclusively for these cigars and are skillfully rolled with African Cameroon, Connecticut Shade or Ecuadorian Sun Grown wrappers. The cigars are then aged in Spanish cedar vaults to create some of the world's finest cigars. The Pyramid cigar that I am reviewing is made with the Connecticut shade wrapper and is filled with aged Dominican filler and binder.

Looking over the cigar the first things that you will notice is the shape and the cedar wrap with it signature red band at the bottom. The construction on this cigar is darn near perfect. The cigar itself has a little give and no spongy soft spots that I can find, nice and oily and nicely speckled. As far as veins there are none that I can feel just little lines where you can see very faint ones. As far as the draw goes, there is nothing to complain about. I hope this cigar lives up to the pre-light inspection.

The first part of this cigar was amazing, light and creamy enough for your average smoker and complex enough to intrigue you darker more veteran cigar smokers. The flavors that I am getting are a little nutty, cedar, sweet tobacco spice all wrapped up in a big creamy plumb of smoke. To tell you the truth I am having a hard time letting the cigar rest in-between draws. Overall so far a very pleasing smoke that lingers slightly on the pallet.

Getting in the middle of the cigar that sweet tobacco nuttiness is complemented by a slight almond flavor, really interesting and complementing the glass of Makers 46 Bourbon Whiskey that I am paring with this cigar. The Makers 46 is not as sweet as regular

Makers in that they do not add any rye to the mix, resulting in a smooth and easy to drink whiskey just like this cigar smooth and easy to smoke.

The last part of the cigar that almond flavor left and the Sweet tobacco stood out the most although thinking about it could be a result of the bourbon, should have poured a glass of water as well. Nevertheless I really enjoyed this smoke and this is one that I would definitely share with the family during the holidays. The burn turned out to be razor sharp and the draw perfect, I did not have to relight or fix the burn once. Loved the pyramid shape, it help keep the bits of tobacco out of my mouth after I cut the cigar. Overall I would have to give this cigar, 9 out of 10.

Brand: Arturo Fuente

Line: Gran Reserva

Size: 6 x 52 Pyramid

Wrapper: Cedar Aged Connecticut

Binder: Dominican

Filler: Dominican

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