



Nat Sherman Host Selection (HYDE)

Between sending your kids back to school and riding out to Sturgis, August is a busy month for all of us. In light of that, I decided to review a new cigar to our humidor, the Nat Sherman Hyde from their Host Selection. This cigar is 6 inches long with a 60-ring gauge and boasting a Connecticut shade wrapper filled with Honduras tobacco. Nat Sherman has been around for a long time and is located right in Manhattan.

Looking over the cigar itself, it has a nice light brown wrapper that is very smooth with very little visible veins. The pre light aroma is that of grass or hay, with vanilla and a light nuttiness. The feel of the cigar is nice and solid, with no spongy spots that I can find. I am tempted to give them an A+ on construction, so long as the draw is good. For this cigar, since the ring gauge is so big, I used my punch and I have to admit that the draw is great.

Lighting up the first part of the cigar, it starts with a little spice followed up by the hay and earthiness that I smelled before. The spice does not stay for long and soon mellows, adding nuttiness to the flavor and a slight sweetness that stayed throughout the first third. The smoke is very thick, creamy and smooth, a great start.

In the middle of the cigar, I am still getting the main dominate flavors from earlier; earthy, nutty with a touch of hay, but there is a new flavor that I am noticing; a light coffee taste with a slight vanilla. The smoke is still thick, sweet and smooth. The grey ash is holding on to about an inch and the draw and burn so far is superb. I think that I picked the perfect pairing as well, a nice cup of fresh coffee. This is by far one of the more relaxing smokes that I have had in a long time.

Finishing at just over an hour and twenty minutes, this cigar stayed true to its core; a mild smoke producing a nice thick plume of smoke with flavors of vanilla, coffee, earthiness and nuts. This cigar is perfect for when you want to sit back relax with a nice cup of Joe. Great burn, great draw and just a fantastic cigar that will in no way

break the bank, but is worth every penny.

Make: Nat Sherman

Line: Host Selection

Shape: Hyde

Size: 6 x 60

Wrapper: Connecticut Shade / USA

Binder: Honduran

Filler: Honduran

Strength: Mild

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Reviewed by Justin Aughenbaugh

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