



La Gloria Cubana Serie N

This month I will be reviewing a new cigar that has arrived at our humidor, the La Gloria Cubana Serie N, which is the sister to the award winning Serie R. This cigar is not for the faint of heart, recommended for mostly the tenured cigar smokers. This beauty of a stick is filled with Nicaraguan tobaccos and wrapped up in their signature Ecuadoran Sumatra Wrapper. The first thing that you will notice besides the dark brown almost black wrapper is a tan "N" in the middle of the cigar. Let us see if the legend that they created with the Serie R continues.

Looking over the cigar, it boasts a rich oily black wrapper with some small vanes. The cigar has a spongy feel to it but I found no soft or hard spots so nice and evenly packed. The prelight aroma is that of a very pungent earthy smell with a little peppery burn. Punching the end reveals a nice solid smooth draw.

Getting on with the light, the first five minutes revealed an interesting medium-bodied creamy smoke with a little pepper and sweetness on the end. To tell you the truth, I'm not quite what I was expecting from the prelight on this cigar. Getting to the end of the first third the cigar, it seems to pick up strength a bit and is starting to introduce flavor of anise and coffee as well.

The middle of the cigar is by far my favorite part. It picks up strength to a full flavored cigar with notes of coffee, anise, and pepper at the end. The draw and smoke is still perfect, creating a nice size plumb of smoke. The part about this cigar that I like the most is that the aftertaste is a butter pepper that lingers. Many other cigars like this tend to have a sort of acidic aftertaste, which this one does not.

The last third of the cigar stays about the same except when you get down to the nub. That is when you start to get some leather

coming through with almost a subtle molasses flavor.

Overall, this is one of the better cigars that I have smoked from general cigar so far, very solid full flavor cigar, great burn, great construction and visually appealing cigar. This will definitely be in my cigar rotation.

Wrapper: Cappa Oscura (Ecuadoran Sumatra)

Filler: Nicaraguan

Binder: Nicaraguan

Country: Dominican Republic

Size: 5 ¾ x 4

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