



In China, red is the symbol of fire and the South.

In Central Africa, Niemba warriors rub themselves with red during celebrations as a symbol of life and health.

And in Turkey red banners were carried by the early Ottomans to symbolize Sovereignty.

At Desert Palm, 'Red' is the heart of our retreat.

This is where people from all walks of life can meet, relax and catch up on the day.

Sláinte • Skål • Prost • Kampai • Salut • Cheers

And after a hard game in the world's greatest polo playing nation

'Salud, Amor, Dínero.... y tiempo para disfrutarlo todo!'

(Health, love, money... and time to enjoy it all!)

## signature | origins

AED

### Castle of Pasagad | long

70

Over two millennia ago the Persian Empire laid claim to vast expanses of the Middle East. To pass the time between all their battles, they invented a fantastic game called polo - how very nice of them!

Matusalem Platino rum, J. Bally '97 rhum agricole, Bacardi Black, Grand Marnier, lime, pistachio, pomegranate & bitters

### Southside of Manipur | short

70

The modern game became decidedly more civilised, as players decided to leave their swords at home and trade the battlefield for the polo fields of India.

Black rice-washed Hendrick's gin, coriander, mint, fresh lemon, Jing Assam tea & egg white

### Hidden Oasis | short

70

Fast forward to the present day, and there is no better way to rejoice at victory (or commiserate in defeat!) with this multi-cultural libation in hand.

Yerba mate-infused pisco, basil leaves, sumac served with olive and shanklish cheese

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**The Patron | long**

70

They are the cornerstones of polo who pay their way to saddle up, and ride side by side with their heroes. Who says that dreams can't come true?

Patron blanco tequila, pressed ginger, pink grapefruit, honey, tonic water

**Heads & Canes | short**

70

As the saying goes 'you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear'. Our selection process has been as thorough as the craftsmen who equip players with their weapon of choice.

Círoc Coconut vodka, Martini Bianco, rosé wine, fresh lemon juice, club soda

**The Pro | long**

70

From a standing start to a full gallop in a stride these horseback warriors will fight tooth and nail, and leave no stone unturned to overthrow their enemies.

Malbec, tawny port, fresh green apple, Coca-Cola reduction, Fernet Branca bitters

## signature | sport of kings

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### Right Hand Spritz | long

70

Tradition dictates that you can only play polo with your right hand. We have decided to take a break from the norm to bring together two of Europe's finest aperitifs to create something that's a bit special.

Pimm's, Aperol, Matusalem Platino rum, fresh green apple, lemon juice, ginger ale, mixed summer fruits

### Chukka Mule | long

70

Players typically switch steeds between chukkas, to allow them to recover between the intense periods of play. This energising blend of aromatic ingredients is ideal to refresh and revive.

Bombay Sapphire gin, basil leaves, fresh lime, agave nectar, homemade ginger beer

### Nomadic Gaucho | short

70

We play homage to polo's unsung heroes, the globe-trotting horse whisperers who have a mystical bond with our four legged friends.

Roasted hay-infused Courvoisier, Dolin rouge, Cointreau, Fernet Branca

## signature | royal celebration

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### Gold Cup | short

70

A drink as exquisite as its sparkling, lustrous components. Rich honey and fresh mango, balanced with bittersweet Aperol; given a kick and a fizz with shōchū and prosecco.

Shōchū [Japanese spirit], Aperol, puréed mangoes, honey, prosecco

### A Royal Toast | short

70

A cocktail of royal standards; Gordon's gin with fresh strawberries and lemon juice, rounded out with a touch of orange marmalade and Taittinger Champagne - truly fit for a Queen.

Gordon's gin, strawberry, fresh lemon, orange marmalade, Taittinger Champagne

### The Trophy Room | short

95

Raise a glass to triumph, with an elegant concoction of the most refined ingredients, imported from across Europe - and given a local touch.

Hennessy VS, Grand Marnier, Drambuie, orange & za'atar bitters, Taittinger Champagne, maraschino cherry

## signature | water of life

AED

### Rare Manhattan | short

75

This well-travelled NYC classic picks up influences from across the globe on its way East. Put your feet up and savour the extra-fine, buttery finish.

Butter washed-JW Black Label, Dolin rouge, crème de cacao, maraschino cherry, cherry & chocolate bitters

### Ride Off | short

70

This thunderous, ball-stealing manoeuvre requires one to outride an opponent, without causing danger to either horse or player. We blend a series of heavyweight flavours, to come together in harmonious balance.

Tullamore Dew, Johnnie Walker Double Black, Patron Café XO, honey, Angostura bitters, orange oils

### Square Deal | short

95

Who says you can't mix business with pleasure?  
The perfect night cap.

Spiced date-infused Johnnie Walker Platinum, jallab syrup, Angostura bitters, cream, cinnamon

## signature | innocent

AED

### The Peacock | long

35

Vivid colours are mimicked by bright flavours in this fresh combination. Fruit, citrus and spice combine for a zesty long drink.

Blueberry, pineapple, fresh lime, sumac, soda

### Feathers & Fauna | short

35

Relax on the terrace, take in the distant Burj and appreciate exotic avian species – while this fragrant drink mirrors the richly scented air.

Basil leaves, mint, watermelon juice, fresh lime, jallab syrup

### Autumn Cocktail | short

35 | 65

A work of art to drink. Inspired by the painting which adorns the wall of the Red Bar, this is our re-imagining of the enticing drink depicted therein.

Strawberry, fresh lemon, honey, sparkling wine [alcohol-free] or Scavi and Ray Prosecco

## mocktails

	AED
<b>Strawberry Lemonade</b>	35
Fresh strawberry muddled with lychee, lengthened with lemonade.	
<b>Ginger Lime Beer</b>	35
Fresh ginger muddled with lime juice & muscovado sugar, topped with soda water.	
<b>Fruity Fizz</b>	35
Fresh blueberries infused with cream de mure, finished with soda water.	
<b>Strawberry Orange Crush</b>	35
Fresh strawberries laced with a dash of lime, topped with sour orange.	
<b>Elephant Walk</b>	35
Mango juice laced with passion fruits & peach, topped with lemonade.	
<b>Lou la Bel</b>	35
White grape juice, fresh strawberry & hint of rose water, topped with lemonade.	
<b>Elderflower Mint Cider</b>	35
Fresh mint leaves muddled with lime & elderflower, shaken with green apple juice & topped with lemonade.	
<b>Ginger Shape Up</b>	35
Fresh ginger muddled with beetroot, fresh coriander, lime juice, cardamom, & coconut syrup, shaken with watermelon juice.	

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	AED
<b>Bora Bora</b>	<b>35</b>
Banana blended with our home made vanilla ice cream & coffee.	
<b>Kiwi &amp; Ginger Passion</b>	<b>35</b>
Fresh kiwi muddled with brown sugar, lime juice, coconut syrup, topped with gingerale.	
<b>Plumy Fresh</b>	<b>35</b>
Fresh plums muddled with ginger, lime juice & muscovado sugar, shaken with watermelon juice.	

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## classic | day

AED

Aperol Spritz | wine

60

Aperol, prosecco, soda

Mint Julep | tin

60

Woodford Reserve bourbon, mint, sugar

Americano | collins

60

Sweet vermouth, Campari, soda

Southside Fizz | collins

60

Tanqueray gin, mint, fresh lime, soda

Bloody Mary | surprise

60

Stolichnaya vodka, tomato juice, fresh lemon, spices

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## classic | dusk

	AED
French 74   flute	160
Stolichnaya vodka, fresh lemon, Taittinger Champagne	
Sidecar   coupe	60
Courvoisier VS, Cointreau, fresh lemon	
Cosmopolitan   coupe	60
Grey Goose vodka, Cointreau, cranberry, fresh lime	
Negroni   rocks	60
Tanqueray gin, Campari, sweet vermouth, orange oils	
Dry Martini   dry, dirty or wet	60
Your choice of gin or vodka, dry vermouth	

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## classic | night

	AED
Espresso Martini   coupe	60
<i>Stolichnaya vodka, Kahlua, fresh espresso</i>	
Manhattan   dry, perfect or sweet	65
<i>Maker's Mark bourbon, sweet / dry vermouth, bitters</i>	
Brandy Alexander   coupe	60
<i>Courvoisier VS, crème de cacao, cream, nutmeg dust</i>	
Old Fashioned   rocks	60
<i>Your choice of dark spirit, sugar, bitters, orange oils</i>	

If these do not whet your whistle, then why not order one from our fantastic collection of spirits.

## spirits | aperitif

	AED
Aperol	45
Campari	45
Fernet Branca	45
Pimm's	45
Ricard	45
Dolin Rouge	45
Martini (Bianco, Extra Dry, Rosso)	45

## spirits | vodka

42 Below	55
Absolut	45
Belvedere	60
Chopin	60
Grey Goose	60
Grey Goose L'Orange	60
Grey Goose La Citron	60
Grey Goose La Poire	60
Hammer & Sickle	60
Kauffman	250
Ketel One	45
Smirnoff Red	45
Stolichanaya	45
Stolichnaya Flavoured	50
Stolichanaya Cristal	50
Stolichanaya Gold	55
U'Luvka	65
Wyborowa Single Estate	65
Zubrowka	50

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## spirits | gin

Bombay Sapphire	AED 50
Beefeater	45
Diplome Dry Gin	50
Gordon's	45
Hayman's Old Tom	45
Hendrick's	55
Hoxton	55
Plymouth	45
Tanqueray	45
Tanqueray 10	50

## spirits | r(h)um

Bacardi Carta Blanca	45
Bacardi Oro	45
Bacardi 8	50
Bacardi Black	45
Captain Morgan Black	45
Gosling Black Seal	45
Gosling Old Rum	85
Sailor Jerry	50
Havana Club 3 Years Old	45
Havana Club 7 Years Old	55
Havana Club 15 Years Old	510
10 Cane	60
Ron Zacapa 23 Years Old	210
Ron Zacapa XO	380
<b>Rhum Agricole</b>	
J Bally 1998	70
<b>Cachaça</b>	
Germana 2 Years Old	50

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## spirits | brandy

	AED
<b>Cognac</b>	
Hennessy VS	50
Hennessy VSOP	70
Hennessy XO	210
Hennessy Paradis	500
Hennessy Richard	3200
Martell VSOP	65
Martell Cordon Bleu	250
Remy Martin VS	45
Remy Martin XO	250
Remy Martin Louis XIII	3200
<b>Armagnac</b>	
Castarede Armagnac Hors D'Age 20 Yr.	110
Castarede Armagnac 1969	240
<b>Calvados</b>	
Calvados Pays d'Auge	45
Calvados Boulard XO	75
<b>Pisco</b>	
Barsol Primero Quebranta	40
1615 Pisco Puro Italia	40
1615 Pisco Acholado	40
1615 Mosto Verde Quebranta Pisco	40
1615 Mosto Verde Torontel Pisco	40
<b>South Africa</b>	
Klipdrift	45

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## spirits | single malt

	AED
<b>Lowland</b>	
Glenkinchie 12 Years Old	60
<b>Highlands</b>	
Aberfeldy 12 Years Old	50
Dalmore Cigar Malt	60
Dalmore 12 Years Old	80
Glenmorangie Original	80
Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban	80
Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or	90
Glenmorangie Lasanta	95
Glenmorangie Signet	200
Glenmorangie Quarter Century	450
<b>Speyside</b>	
Balvenie Doublewood 12 Years Old	60
Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Years Old	70
Balvenie 21 Years Old	250
Longmorn 16 Years Old	60
Glenfiddich 12 Years Old	60
Glenfiddich 15 Years Old	75
Glenfiddich 18 Years Old	95
Glenfiddich 26 Years Old	490
Stathisla 12 Years Old	80
Glenlivet 12 Years Old	60
Glenlivet 15 Years Old	75
Glenlivet 18 Years Old	95
Glenlivet 21 Years Old	285
Macallan 12 Years Old	70
Macallan 18 Years Old	210
Macallan 25 Years Old	300

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	AED
<b>Islay &amp; Islands</b>	
Ardberg 10 Years Old	55
Laphroaig 10 Years Old	60
Talisker Storm	65
Isle of Jura Superstition	70
Isle of Jura 16 Years Old	110

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## spirits | whisk(e)y

	AED
<b>Scotch</b>	
Dewar's White Label	50
Dewar's 12 Years Old	50
Famous Grouse	50
Monkey Shoulder	60
J & B Rare	45
Johnnie Walker Red Label	45
Johnnie Walker Platinum Label	150
Johnnie Walker Black Label 12 Years Old	60
Johnnie Walker Gold Label 18 Years Old	125
Johnnie Walker Blue Label 25 Years Old	260
Royal Salute Chivas 12 Years Old	55
Royal Salute Chivas 18 Years Old	120
Royal Salute Chivas 25 Years Old	280
Royal Salute 21 Years Old	140
Royal Salute 100 cask	280
Royal Salute 38 Years Old	950
62 Gunn Salute	2900
Whyte & Mackay 13 Years Old	45
Whyte & Mackay 30 Years Old	195
<b>Irish</b>	
Bushmills Black Bush	45
Bushmills Malt 10 Years Old	45
John Jameson	50
Kilbeggan	55
Tullamore Dew	40

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## spirits | whisk(e)y

	AED
<b>Japanese</b>	
Suntory Hibiki	90
Yamazaki 12 Years Old	120
<b>Bourbon</b>	
Buffalo Trace	50
Fighting Cock 6 Years Old	50
Jim Beam	50
Maker's Mark	60
Woodford Reserve	60
<b>Tennessee</b>	
Jack Daniel's	45
Jack Daniel's Single Barrel	75
<b>Wheat</b>	
Bernheim Wheat	70
<b>Canadian</b>	
Canadian Club	50
Crown Royal	45

## spirits | tequila

Jose Cuervo Silver	40
Jose Cuervo Gold	45
Patron Blanco	50
Patron Reposado	70
Patron Anejo	80

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## spirits | liqueur

	AED
Amaretto Disaronno	45
Amarula	45
Baileys	45
Chartreuse	45
Cointreau	45
Drambuie	45
Frangelico	45
Grand Marnier	45
Jaegermeister	45
Malibu	45
Patron Café XO	50
Sambuca	45
Southern Comfort	45

## bottle | beers

Amstel Light	38
Asahi	38
Budweiser	38
Corona	38
Franziskaner Weissbier	50
Guinness	40
Heineken	38
Kingfisher	38
Peroni	38
Stella	38

## draught | beers

Peroni (small)	28
Peroni (large)	42

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## cider

	AED
Bulmers	50
Magners	50

## soft | soda

Coca Cola	15
Diet Coke	15
Ginger Ale	15
Soda	15
Tonic	15

## soft | juice

Cranberry	20
Green Apple	20
Orange	20
Pineapple	20
Pink Grapefruit	20
Watermelon	20

## soft | water

VOSS sparkling (small)	17
VOSS sparkling (large)	29
VOSS still (small)	17
VOSS still (large)	29

## White Wine

	GLS	BTL
Carmen, Chardonnay Central valley, Chile	45	200
Italia Pinot Grigio Veneto, Italy	50	240
Dr. Ernst Loosen, Riesling Mosel, Germany	65	295
Villa Maria, Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough, New Zealand	75	350

## Red Wine

Chateau L' Eglise Saget Bordeaux, France	55	240
Matua, Pinot Noir Marlborough, New Zealand	65	300
Rioja Crianza, Navajas Rioja, Spain	65	300
Gaja, Ca' marcanda, Promis IGT Toscana, Italy	95	450

## Rose Wine

Sauvion, Rose de Anjou Loire valley, France	60	275
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## Champagne

GLS BTL

Taittinger

165

750

Reims, Champagne, France

## Sparkling

Scavi & Ray, Prosecco-Spumante

55

250

Veneto, Italy

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# Taste of Arabia

## Mezza

Lamb Sambousek	Fattoush
Cheese Rakakat	Tabbouleh
Lamb Kibbeh	Potato Harra
Falafel	Moutabel
Hummus	Hummus with Lamb
Cheese & Spinach	*add 10aed
Fatayer	

**Selections are 25 AED each**

Or

**Choose 5 types for 100 AED**

Or

**Choose 8 types for 150 AED**

\*All Mezza will be served with Mini Arabic Bread\*

	AED
<b>Steak Fries (V)</b> White truffle aioli	30
<b>Fried Onion Rings (V)</b> Preserved lemon aioli	30
<b>Vegetable Spring Rolls (V)</b> Sweet chilli sauce	35
<b>Spiced Chicken Tenders</b> Chili garlic sauce	40
<b>Chicken Tikka Skewers</b> Mint raita	40

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## *Classic and not so classic*

	AED
<b>Mexican Nachos</b> Corn tortilla chips, tomato salsa, sour cream beef chilli, guacamole	45
<b>Mini Punjabi Samosa (V)</b> Tamarind chutney, mint chutney	45
<b>Fried Mozzarella Sticks (A)</b> Crispy crumbed mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce	45
<b>Trio of Sliders</b> Oriental spiced lamb burger with muhammara, crab burger with mango salsa, chicken burger, pickle, bbq sauce	45
<b>Fried Calamari</b> Preserved lemon aioli, lemon wedges	50
<b>Dipping Platter (V)</b> Sun dried tomato dip, olive tapenade, hummus, moutable, crispy bread basket	50
<b>Crispy Buffalo Wings</b> Homemade bbq sauce or homemade dry spice	55
<b>Crab Cakes</b> Tomato fondue, lemon aioli	55
<b>Seared Haloumi and Asparagus Salad</b> Crispy rustic bread	55
<b>Box Baked Camembert</b> Rosemary, garlic, maple syrup, crispy rustic bread	60
<b>Brandy Flamed Prawn Tails (A)</b> Smokey paprika, garlic butter, crispy rustic bread	60

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## *Classic and not so classic*

	AED
<b>Chicken Noodle Soup (N)</b> Bean sprouts, nuts, fried garlic, chives	60
<b>Chili Con Carne</b> Steamed rice, sour cream	60
<b>Grilled Steak Tacos</b> Radish salsa, sour cream, guacamole	75
<b>Pulled Chicken Burger</b> Sourdough bun, steak fries, bbq sauce	75
<b>Breaded Seafood Basket</b> Fish fillet, shrimps, squid rings, tartar sauce	80
<b>Angus Beef Burger</b> Sourdough bun, steak fries, grain mustard, bbq sauce	85
<b>Oven Baked Chicken Pie</b> Crisp garden leaves	85
<b>Aussie Steak Sandwich</b> Toasted baguette, caramelized onions, mushrooms, steak fries	90
<b>Arabic Mixed Grill</b> Lamb kofta, lamb chop, chicken and beef kebabs, garlic sauce, biwazi bread, saffron rice or steak fries	150

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## *Pizza*

	AED
<b>Garlic Pizza (V)</b>	35
<b>Classic Margherita (V)</b> Tomato sauce, fresh basil	55
<b>Spicy Chicken</b> Spicy tomato sauce, red chillies, mozzarella, onion	60
<b>Pepperoni</b> Beef pepperoni, tomato sauce, mozzarella	70
<b>Mediterranean (N, V)</b> Tomato sauce, mozzarella, artichokes, olives, sundried tomatoes, basil pesto	70
<b>Air Dried Beef</b> Cecina de leon beef, tomato sauce, mozzarella, crispy rocket salad, balsamic reduction	70
<b>Quattro Formaggi (V)</b> Buffalo mozzarella, fontina, gorgonzola, mozzarella	75
<b>Spicy Prawn</b> Spicy tomato sauce, red chillies, mozzarella, olives	90
<b>Add your own topping</b> Artichoke heart   broccoli   grilled vegetables   jalapeno peppers   olives   sun dried tomatoes	10

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# An Introduction to Cigars

A cigar is a tightly-rolled bundle of dried and fermented tobacco that is ignited so that its smoke may be drawn into the mouth. Cigar tobacco is grown in significant quantities in Brazil, Cameroon, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Indonesia, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Philippines, and the Eastern United States.

Tobacco leaves are harvested and aged using a process that combines use of heat and shade to reduce sugar and water content without causing the large leaves to rot. This first part of the process, called curing, takes between 25 and 45 days and varies substantially based upon climatic conditions as well as the construction of sheds or barns used to store harvested tobacco.

The second part of the process, called fermentation, is carried out under conditions designed to help the leaf dry slowly. Temperature and humidity are controlled to ensure that the leaf continues to ferment, without rotting or disintegrating. This is where the flavor, burning, and aroma characteristics are primarily brought out in the leaf.

Once the leaves have aged properly, they are sorted for use as filler or wrapper based upon their appearance and overall quality. During this process, the leaves are continually moistened and handled carefully to ensure each leaf is best used according to its individual qualities. The leaf will continue to be baled, inspected, un-baled, re-inspected, and baled again repeatedly as it continues its aging cycle. When the leaf has matured according to the manufacturer's specifications, it will be used in the production of a cigar.

Although some cigars are cut on both ends, or twirled at both ends, the vast majority come with one straight cut end and one end in a "cap". Most quality handmade cigars, regardless of shape, will have a cap which is one or more small pieces of a wrapper pasted on to one end of the cigar with either a natural tobacco paste or with a mixture of flour and water. The cap end of a cigar must be cut off for the cigar to be smoked properly. It is the rounded end without the tobacco exposed, and this is the end one should always cut. If the cap is cut jaggedly or without care, the end of the cigar will not burn evenly and smokeable tobacco will be lost. Some cigar manufacturers purposely place different types of tobacco from one end to the other to give the cigar smokers a variety of tastes, body and strength from start to finish. Smoking a cigar from the wrong end may result in a bad experience.

There are three basic types of cigar cutters:

- Guillotine or straight cut
- Punch cut
- V-cut also known as notch cut, cat's eye, wedge cut, English cut

At Desert Palm we use the straight cut with a cigar guillotine.

# Lighting

The "head" of the cigar is usually the end closest to the cigar band. The opposite end of the cigar is called the "foot". The band identifies the type of the cigar and may be removed or left on. The smoker cuts the cap from the head of the cigar and ignites the foot of the cigar. The smoker draws smoke from the head of the cigar with the mouth and lips, usually not inhaling into the lungs.

When lighting, the cigar should be rotated to achieve an even burn and the air should be slowly drawn with gentle puffs. A flame that may not impart its own flavor to the cigar should be used. The tip of the cigar should minimally touch the flame, the heat of the flame from a butane or torch lighter can burn the tobacco leaves. A match or cedar spill flame is a milder flame to be used.

Cigars can be lit with the use of butane-filled lighters. Butane is colorless, odorless and burns clean with very little, if any, flavor; but are quite hot as a flame source. It is not recommended to use (lighter) fluid-filled lighters and paper matches since they can influence the taste.

A second option is wooden matches but make sure the chemical head of the match has burned away and you are only placing the burning wooden match on your cigar. Depending on the manufacturer the chemical head portion of the matchstick may contain one or more of the following: gelatin, paraffin wax, potassium chlorate, barium chlorate, glue, polyvinyl chlorides, phosphorus trisulfide, and clay. The strike plate to ignite the match may contain one more of the following: glass particles, red phosphorus and glue. So make sure the head of the match has burned off before approaching your cigar.

A third and most traditional way to light a cigar is to use a cedar spill. A spill is a splinter or a slender piece of wood or twisted paper, for lighting candles, lamps, campfires or fireplaces, etc. A cedar spill for lighting a cigar is a torn narrow strip of Spanish cedar (ideally) and lit using whatever flame source is handy.

Cigars packaged in boxes or metal tubes may contain a thin wrapping of cedar that may be used to light a cigar, minimizing the problem of lighters or matches affecting the taste. Cedar spills, matches and lighters are all commercially available

# Flavour

Each brand and type of cigar tastes different. While the wrapper does not entirely determine the flavor of the cigar, darker wrappers tend to produce a sweetness, while lighter wrappers usually have a "drier" taste. Whether a cigar is mild, medium, or full bodied does not correlate with quality. Some words used to describe cigar flavor and texture include; spicy, peppery (red or black), sweet, harsh, burnt, green, earthy, woody, cocoa, chestnut, roasted, aged, nutty, creamy, cedar, oak, chewy, fruity, and leathery.

Cigar smoke, which is sometimes inhaled, tastes of tobacco with nuances of other tastes. Many different things affect the scent of cigar smoke: tobacco type, quality of the cigar, added flavors, age and humidity, production method (handmade vs. machine-made) and more. A fine cigar can taste completely different from inhaled cigarette smoke. When smoke is inhaled, as is usual with cigarettes, the tobacco flavor is less noticeable than the sensation from the smoke. Some cigar enthusiasts use a vocabulary similar to that of wine-tasters to describe the overtones and undertones observed while smoking a cigar. Journals are available for recording personal ratings, description of flavors observed, sizes, brands, etc. Cigar tasting is in such respects similar to wine, brandy, whisky, tea, coffee, and beer tasting.

# Smoke

Smoke is produced by incomplete combustion of tobacco during which at least three kinds of chemical reactions occur: pyrolysis breaks down organic molecules into simpler ones, pyrosynthesis recombines these newly formed fragments into chemicals not originally present, and distillation moves compounds such as nicotine from the tobacco into the smoke. For every gram of tobacco smoked, a cigar emits about 120–140 mg of carbon dioxide, 40–60 mg of carbon monoxide, 3–4 mg of isoprene, 1 mg each of hydrogen cyanide and acetaldehyde, and smaller quantities of a large spectrum of volatile N-nitrosamines and volatile organic compounds, with the detailed composition unknown.

The most odorous chemicals in cigar smoke, and arguably the most responsible for the odor, are pyridines. Along with pyrazines, they are also the most odorous chemicals in cigar smoker's breath. These substances are noticeable even at extremely low concentrations of a few parts per billion. During smoking, it is not known whether these chemicals are generated by splitting the chemical bonds of nicotine, or by Maillard reaction between amino acids and sugars in the tobacco.[31]

Cigar smoke is more alkaline than cigarette smoke, and therefore dissolves and is absorbed more readily by the mucous membrane of the mouth, making it easier for the smoker to absorb nicotine without having to inhale.

“Giving up smoking is the easiest thing in the world. I know because I've done it thousands of times.”  
Mark Twain

“The only time I really think is when I smoke, and I quite smoking years ago.”  
Jarod Kintz

## **Mild Bodied**

### **Punch Robustus Exclusivos Emiratos Limited Edition**

Sweet cedary peppery with rich tobacco flavours and medium body smoke comes at first. An inch down the pepper mellows, the sweet tobacco and the cedar wood appears with nut and cocoa on the back ground. Earthines show at the end on this third.

*Recommended with a Castle of Pasagad Cocktail*

### **Hoyo de Mont Epicure No. 2**

A darling among Robusto lovers, this agreeable cigar has gained fame through its subtle floral, nuance and intriguing twinges of sweet ginger and cinnamon.

*Recommended with a Chukka Mule Cocktail*

### **Hoyo de Mont Petit Robusto**

Starts with a sweet, earthy tobacco which progresses, without aggression, to spicy cedar and creamy nut flavor.

*Recommended with a Square Deal Cocktail*

## **Mild to Medium Bodied**

### **Romeo & Julieta Piramides Anejados**

Aged for 6 years in their boxes. Has the aroma of barnyard, toffee, cocoa and a touch earth emanate from the wrapper. Hint of cocoa, earth and leather.

*Recommended with a Nomadic Gaucho Cocktail*

## **Medium Bodied**

### **Bolivar Royal Coronas**

This bolivar caters to modern palate seeking a well- balanced with medium notes of wood, leather and coffee.

*Recommended with a Ride Off Cocktail*

### **Cohiba Lanceros**

Delicate flavours of fragrant flowers and sweet licorice persist in the mouth right upon ignition. Honey and spice cedar quickly join to mingle into fantastically aromatic finale.

*Recommended with The Patron Cocktail*

### **Cohiba Secretos**

The early smoke is filled by intense cedar and black pepper characters; In the second third, a very rich aromatic presence, with essentially scents of wood, pepper, mushrooms and autumn leaves.

*Recommended with an Espresso Martini*

### **Cohiba Siglo No. 2**

If you like silky, oily wrappers and a spicy woodiness in the smoke then this is the cigar for you. A tasty, creamy, smooth, with a grassy flavour combined with hints of fresh beans cigar that gives almost 2 hours of pleasure, which continued with the wonderful aftertaste.

*Recommended with a Rare Manhattan Cocktail*

### **Cohiba Siglo No. 6**

*Floral with the touch of cocoa*

*Recommended with a Side Car Cocktail*

### **Cuaba Exclusivos**

Mellow woodiness with hints of herbs and subtle honey with a mild and toasted tobacco taste leaving a pleasant smooth woody and sweet aftertaste.

*Recommended with our Gaja, Barberesco, Piedmont, Italy*

### **Punch Royal Coronation**

The length and ring gauge perfectly suits the flavours and pace of smoke of this cigar. Woody flavours, with hint of dried fruit smoke pleasantly in gradually increasing power.

*Recommended with a Boulevardier Cocktail*

### **Punch Punch, Gran Corona**

Upper cut by punch marries the classic, rich taste of punch with Nicaraguan spice to produce this alluring, medium-bodied smoke that peppers palate with an array of complex flavours.

*Recommended with Alvaro Palacio, La Vendimia, Rioja, Spain*

### **Montecristo No. 2**

Taste rich in wood and spice, yet maintain a creamy feel the whole way through.

*Recommended with Alexander Cocktail*

### **Romeo & Julieta Wide Churchills**

There are light aromas of tobacco and citrus at cold, with the hint of honey caramel and some coffee,

*Recommended with Glenfidich 15 years*

## **Medium to Full Bodied**

### **Cohiba Genios**

It has warm notes of toasted sweet vanilla and dark cocoa beans are immediately apparent on the palate that enjoys an opulent and well-rounded smoke

*Recommended with a Brandy Alexander Cocktail*

### **Cohiba Piramides Extra**

The aromas are mild, with notes of flowers and little bit of pepper.

*Recommended with a Head & Canes Cocktail*

### **Montecristo No. 4**

A little earthy in the beginning, delivered a lot of spice in the second third. Closer to the end, soft notes of cocoa and coffee appeared.

*Recommended with Beaujolais- Village, Georges Dubeouf, France*

### **Montecristo A-Cabinet**

It's rich and very present aromas are at first matte, then earthy, then increasingly concentrated and finally become almost intoxicatingly overpowering in the final phase.

*Recommended with Hennessy Paradis*

### **Montecristo Edmundo 25**

An earthy, woody cigar with subtle complexity and a light nutty character. Has traces of chocolate, vanilla beans and hints of leather with the classic Monte bitter-sweet tang.

*Recommended with Ron Zacappa 23 year old*

# Full Bodied

## **Bolivar Exclusivos Emiratos Limited Edition**

A pleasant woody “cedar like” with earth pepper and leather aromas on the nose

*Recommended with Ron Zaccappa, XO*

## **Partagas Short**

An explosion of different aromas led by vanilla, coffee, wood and leather all come together to produce an ‘espresso’ type start to this Tres Petit Corona. It’s overloaded with wonderful hot spicy flavours.

*Recommended with an Old Fashioned Cocktail*

## **Bolivar Petit Belicosos**

Gives way to powerful flavours of leather and some strong herbs and spice. Going forward, the intensity decreases, but not by sacrificing the rich flavours. Towards the end, a lot of oils gather to build up a nice bitter chocolate ending.

*Recommended with Hennessy Richard*

## **Cohiba 1966 Limited Edition 2011**

Full of sweet aromas, with barnyard, grass and earthy scents emerging from the foot. The prelight smoke is perfect

*Recommended with Remy Martin, Louis XIII, Cognac, France*

## **Partagas Series D No. 4**

Woody, cinnamon and with touch of spice

*Recommended with Berheim Wheat Whiskey*

## **Punch Churchills**

Has a characteristic of a particular earthiness. This earthiness is always present, combining with gentle herbal notes in the first third. The second and final phases are marked by herbal notes, earthy with hints of Cuban cedar and an after taste of a smooth shadow of spiciness.

*Recommended with Jagermeister served chilled*