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FEATURED CIGAR

XIKAR HC SERIES HABANO COLORADO BELICOSO

NICARAGUA ■ PRICE: \$9.25 ■ BODY: FULL

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TASTING REPORT

XIKAR HC SERIES HABANO COLORADO

NEW RELEASE—VERTICAL BRAND TASTING

Country: Nicaragua

Maker: Segovia Cigar Factory

Distributor: Xikar Inc.

Filler: Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras

Binder: Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Release Date: May 2009

BELICOSO

92 POINTS ■ 6" x 54 ■ \$9.25 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

A dark, oily, gorgeous cigar that shows its strength from the first puff. It is a peppery, leathery smoke with a black cherry note on the finish.

Body: Full

ROBUSTO

92 POINTS ■ 5" x 50 ■ \$8.25 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

Wrapped in a perfectly colored, dark, oily cover leaf, this cigar is very woody and cedary with lots of coffee flavors on the finish. Full bodied and balanced.

Body: Full

CHURCHILL

91 POINTS ■ 7" x 48 ■ \$8.75 ■ HUMIDOR SELECTION

The dark wrapper of this cigar gleams with oils. It burns and draws evenly, loading the palate with heavy coffee bean notes, nutty flavors and a cedary, spicy finish.

Body: Medium to Full

LONSDALE

90 POINTS ■ 6" x 46 ■ \$8.50

Dark and oily with a pigtail cap, this cigar draws and burns well. Full-bodied notes of coffee and toast come through on the palate before a slightly nutty finish.

Body: Full

TORO

88 POINTS ■ 6 1/2" x 52 ■ \$8.75

This toro is covered in an abundantly oily wrapper. It burns and draws well, offering woody, leathery flavors, with pepper and anise before an oily-tasting finish.

Body: Medium

PETIT CORONA

86 POINTS ■ 4 1/2" x 44 ■ \$7.75

A darkly hued cigar with a poorly applied cap. The little cigar draws and burns well, delivering some strong spice and walnut notes, but the finish is charry.

Body: Full

BRAND SUMMARY: When cigar accessories company Xikar Inc. decided to discontinue the Defiance by Xikar cigar line, Xikar HC Series took its place. The letters HC refer to Xikar's Havana Collection of cutters, lighters and cigar cases, and the band art, which shows a decoupage of classic cigar lithography, also adorns the accessory line. Made by Jesus Fuego in Nestor Plasencia's factories, the Xikar HC Series is offered in three varieties, but we tested the Habano Colorado line, which is the strongest. This was an impressive tasting with two cigars scoring 92 points.

Average Rating: 89.8 points



100 POINT SCALE

95-100: Classic ■ 90-94: Outstanding ■ 80-89: Very good to excellent ■ 70-79: Average to good commercial quality
Below 70: Don't waste your money ■ N/A: Not Available *Note: Prices are manufacturers' suggested retail, before taxes.*