

Fuente Seleccion Privada #1 Maduro

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Arturo Fuente... can one possibly go wrong with a Fuente?

Cigar: Arturo Fuente Gran Reserva Seleccion Privada #1

Size:

6 3/4" X 44

Price: US\$106.25 for 25 (\$4.25/stick)

Type: Maduro

Wrapper: Connecticut Broadleaf

Binder: Dominican Republic

Filler:

Dominican Republic Filler Type: Long

Strength:

Mild - Medium

Shape: Parejo

Vendor:

Cigars International, JR Cigar, Thompson Cigar

Initial Thoughts Lets face it... I sincerely doubt Fuente could actually make a bad cigar. Initial inspection reveals a well constructed cigar, with no soft spots. The smoke is box pressed. I do observe some veininess in the wrapper. Smell test... mmmmm... kind of earthy with some nuttiness. The Smokel clip the cigar with my cutter, and as expected, no issues whatsoever with cap breakage or cracking. The first couple of puffs after lighting reveals a smooth, medium flavored smoke with good flavor. I continue puffing, and honestly, it tastes a little spicy and nutty. The draw on this cigar is basically flawless. I'm approximately 1/3 of the way done, and I'm seeing a little unevenness with the burn. Flavor continues to be great. Medium flavored for sure. As I continue puffing on it, the unevenness in the burn gets a little worse. At the 2/3 point, the burn is still uneven. The flavor is still very nice. Spicy, nutty, excellent complexity. As I get closer to the end of the cigar, the burn starts to even out. Not a note of any harshness, just nice medium flavor, with some spiciness. This is a very nice, tasty cigar.

The Rating: 8/10

Flavor: Medium flavor, excellent complexity.

Draw:

8/10

Nice draw, producing nice dark smoke.

Construction:

8/10 Excellent construction, however the uneven burn detracted from the overall experience.

Overall:

8/10 As with just about any Fuente I've smoked, I was not disappointed, with the exception of the burn issues.