

Helix Natural Tubular

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Dan reviews a helix.

Cigar: Helix Natural Tubular Size: 5 x 50

Price: US\$80 for 20 (\$4.00/stick)

Type: Natural Wrapper: Connecticut shade Binder: Mexican Filler: Brazillian, Honduran, Dominican Filler Type:

Long Strength: Mild - Medium Shape: Parejo Vendor: Thompson Cigars, JR Cigars, Cigars International Initial Thoughts

I bought this cigar in an effort to refocus my efforts on getting some reviews going again. I've been slacking a bit, compliments of a ridiculous work schedule. Initial thoughts are simple: this cigar is gorgeous, and it tastes as good as it looks, I'm excited. The cigar smells quite pleasant. Physically, there are no noticeable soft spots; the cigar appears to be meticulously constructed.

The Smoke

I use my punch cutter, toast the foot and take my first puff. Mellow, toasty and somewhat sweet would be my initial thoughts. I take another couple of puffs, and while the cigar is a little mild for my tastes, it has excellent flavor and complexity. The burn is flawless, producing a white ash and a decent amount of billowy white smoke. At the 1/3 point, flavor has intensified a little. Toasty, nutty, with some slight sweetness. The burn and draw are flawless. At the 2/3 point, flavor continues to be very nice, excellent complexity. The draw is flawless, but am noticing some slight unevenness in the burn. Finishing up the cigar -- the only disappointment was the minor unevenness with the burn. Taste and complexity were excellent.

The Rating Flavor: 10/10 Excellent flavor and complexity throughout.

Draw: 10/10 Basically flawless draw. Lots of billowy white smoke. Construction: 9/10 Gorgeous cigar, no soft spots or visible blemishes. Noted unevenness in burn towards the end. Overall: 9/10 An excellent cigar. A very nice experience.