



# HARBORVIEW

## BISTRO & BAR

### *The Cigar Lounge*

#### **Romeo y Julieta | RESERVA REAL | Toro | 6.00x54 | Ecuadorian Connecticut Shade**

One of the cigar world's most enduring names, Romeo y Julieta has been in continuous production since 1875, and famously became Winston Churchill's smoke of choice. The Reserva Real is built at the renowned Tabacalera de Garcia factory in the Dominican Republic, where aged Dominican long-filler tobaccos are bound in Nicaraguan leaf and finished with a Connecticut-seed wrapper grown in Ecuador's cloud forests, where filtered sunlight and humidity produce exceptionally smooth, golden leaves. The result is a gently sweet, woody cigar with a tender aroma. It's approachable enough for newer smokers yet rich enough to earn a permanent spot in any humidor. Rated 91 by Cigar Aficionado. \$24-



#### **Ashton | VIRGINIA SUN GROWN | Belicosos No. 1 | 5.25x52 | Sun Grown-Sumatra Seed**

Widely regarded as one of the finest cigars in production, the Ashton VSG is the product of three distinguished families working in concert: the Levins (Ashton's founders), the Fuentes (master blenders), and the Olivas, who grow the cigar's signature Sumatra-seed wrapper on a private estate in Ecuador. There, natural cloud cover filters the sunlight just enough to produce a dark, lustrous leaf that the Fuente family then ferments extensively by hand. Beneath that wrapper lie Dominican binder and filler tobaccos aged a minimum of four to five years. The smoking experience is full-bodied yet remarkably refined, filled with earth, cedar, leather, espresso, and rich spice in shifting layers. Since its debut in 1999, the VSG has earned multiple 90-plus ratings from Cigar Aficionado, including a 94, and has appeared in their Top 10 Cigars of the Year five times. \$31-



#### **Arturo Fuente | HEMINGWAY | Figurado | 6.00x47 | Cameroon**

The Fuente family has been crafting cigars since Arturo Fuente Sr. founded his company in Tampa in 1912. In the early 1980s, his grandson Carlito revived the nearly extinct perfecto shape: a tapered, figurado format that had all but disappeared because so few rollers possessed the skill to make one. Using molds modeled after early-twentieth-century originals, Fuente's master artisans spend twice the production time of a standard cigar on each Hemingway, making it one of the most labor-intensive smokes available. Estate-grown Dominican filler and binder tobaccos are wrapped in a certified natural Cameroon leaf, delivering layered notes of dark chocolate, earth, and fresh coffee tempered by buttery spice. A medium-bodied cigar with a luscious finish and a shape that's as much sculpture as smoke. Rated 94 by Cigar Aficionado. \$27-



#### **Montecristo | CLASSIC SERIES | Robusto | 5.00x52 | Connecticut Shade**

The Montecristo name traces back to 1935 Havana, where factory lectores would read Alexandre Dumas' *The Count of Monte Cristo* aloud to cigar rollers during their shifts. The novel was so beloved that founder Alonso Menendez christened his brand after it. After the Cuban Revolution forced the family into exile, a landmark 1972 lawsuit restored their right to the name, and Dominican production followed. The Classic Series represents the heart of the brand: a mellow, refined smoke whose Connecticut Shade wrapper is cultivated in the Connecticut River Valley, where Sumatra-origin seeds are grown under fabric canopies that filter harsh sunlight. This produces the thin, nearly veinless leaves prized in luxury cigars. The all-Dominican binder and filler beneath deliver a balanced profile of smooth coffee, toasted nut, and warm spice with a creamy, approachable character. An excellent entry point for those building their palate, and a reliable companion for seasoned smokers. Rated 85+ by Cigar Aficionado. \$38-