

CIGARS

H.upmann Half Coronas £10

H.Upmann was originally a German banker who enjoyed cigars so much that he moved to Cuba and opened a factory in 1844 as well as a bank. Fortunately his cigars were much more popular than his bank (which closed down) and are of a light to medium flavour.

Suggested Pairing: Gin Martini

Montecristo No.4 £14

Montecristo, launched in 1935 and perhaps the best known Havana, was named after Alexandre Dumas' novel the Count of Montecristo. These cigars are a medium to full flavour.

Suggested Pairing: Armagnac

Hoyo De Monterrey Epicure No.2 £20

Hoyo de Monterrey, founded in 1865 by Jose Gener, produce cigars that are light in flavour and ideal for the connoisseur and beginner alike. The Epicure #2 is a 'Robusto' and is perhaps the best known size within the brand.

Suggested Pairing: Gin & Tonic

Partagas D4 £20

Partagas, still operating from its original factory since 1845, is a very full flavoured brand. As with all Havanas, the tobacco is grown in the Vuelta Abajo region of Cuba to the west of Havana which has the best climate and soil in which to grow the famous tobaccos.

Suggested Pairing: Old Fashioned

Romeo Y Julieta Wide Churchill £25

Romeo y Julieta is named after Shakespeare's tragic romance, due to the popularity of the story with the Torcedors (rollers) who are read to whilst they work. The cigars are medium in flavour and forever linked to Winston Churchill after his visit to the factory in the 1940s.

Suggested Pairing: Dark Rum

Cohiba Siglo IV £28.5

Cohiba, launched in 1966 and originally reserved as diplomatic gifts, these medium and medium to full flavoured Havanas are also one of the most expensive due to their unique thrid fermentation which gives an extra purity and smoothness to the smoke.

Suggested Pairing: Single Malt Whisky