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Four Kicks — The #1 rated non-Cuban Corona Gorda in the April 2012 issue of *Cigar Aficionado*.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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FILLER: NICARAGUA
BINDER: NICARAGUA
WRAPPER: ECUADOR

FOUR KICKS CORONA GORDA

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This was one of the most impressive categories in the issue with three cigars scoring 93 points, all from Cuba. Edmundo Dantes is a brand created in 2001 by Max Gutmann, Mexico's importer of Cuban cigars. Made last year exclusively for Mexico, the Conde 54 is only the second size in the line and greatly impressed us with a range of flavors that seemed to hit every part of the palate. The Partagas Serie D No. 2 is a beefed-up version of the better-known Serie D No. 4. It was released last year, and considering that the E. No. 2 scored so well at such a young age, it seems destined to be a classic. The Punch Punch has only been tubed since 2004 and gets better every time we taste it.



CUBA	EDMUNDO DANTES
RING GAUGE: 54 LENGTH: 6 1/2"	CONDE USA EXCLUSIVELY MEXICO
FILLER: CUBA	This rich, complex toro exhibits a profound and dynamic
BINDER: CUBA	balance, starting with bottom notes of red meat and earthy
WRAPPER: CUBA	truffles, a midrange of cashews and top notes of cinnamon.
BOX DATE: JULY 2011	U.S.: \$32.00 U.K.: N/A



CUBA **PARTAGAS SERIE E NO. 2**
 RING GAUGE: 54 LENGTH: 5 1/2"
 FILLER: CUBA
 BINDER: CUBA
 WRAPPER: CUBA
 BOX DATE: JUNE 2011
 U.S.: N/A U.K.: £21.88



CUBA RING GAUGE: 46 LENGTH: 5 5/8" FILLER: CUBA BINDER: CUBA WRAPPER: CUBA	PUNCH PUNCH TUBO Strikingly nutty and sweet, this exemplary corona gorda layers the palate with an uncommonly complex array of butterscotch, almond paste, walnuts and rich tobacco. U.S.: N/A U.K.: £16.70
BOX DATE: NOVEMBER 2009	93



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BINDER: NICARAGUA	
WRAPPER: ECUADOR	
U.S.: \$6.95 U.K.: N/A	



NICARAGUA
RING GAUGE: 50 LENGTH: 6 1/2
FILLER: NICARAGUA
BINDER: NICARAGUA
WRAPPER: ECUADOR

**LA AROMA DE CUBA EDICION
ESPECIAL NO. 3**
Toothy and veiny, this Colorado-colored cigar has an open, easy draw that imparts touches of salt and ground red pepper up front, leaving a cinnamon sweet aftertaste.
U.S.: \$7.00 U.K.: N/A

A black and white photograph of country music star Brad Paisley. He is wearing a white cowboy hat and a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is holding a cigar in his right hand and looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.