

Portobello Gold

Cigar List

Why a Cigar List? Because we believe that a quality Cuban cigar, unlike cigarettes, should be considered part of the tradition and pageantry of a good meal. If you make a conscious effort to eat well and drink well, then why let the side down when it comes to your choice of tobacco?

Furthermore, smoking a cigar is more a leisure activity than an addictive habit – you NEVER see someone chain-smoking Partagas, nor do most cigar smokers fully inhale. Cigars are smoked for their aroma, their ability to heighten our senses and to add a dimension to our taste memories (unlike cigarettes, which ruin taste buds) – not to mention our great respect for their contribution to discriminating, quality craftsmanship.

Indeed, there are many analogies between fine wine and fine cigars: soil quality, importance of weather, harvest yields, tobacco leaf classifications, appellations, etc. And even cigar tastings are conducted along similar lines as those of wine tastings. So, without further ado, please feel free to indulge in a cigar from our small (but growing) selection. We only ask that you observe the same rules of etiquette that you would if cigarette smoking:

- 1) Obviously, never smoke between courses. If you do, you immediately advertise to the world that you are an unsophisticated heathen with no palate or upbringing;
- 2) Be sure that your cigar smoke will not render a neighbouring diner physically ill. Ask their permission to smoke, especially if they have just begun their meal;
- 3) Keep your butts in the ashtrays, not in the planters or in the dishes or on the floor.

Light Up! We also have a large selection of cognacs and liqueurs to accompany your cigar. Do not hesitate to ask for advice.

Linda Johnson-Bell

Montecristo No. 4

Romeo y Julieta Coronitas

Santa Damiana No.3

Cohiba Exquisitos

Bolivar No.3