

CAO-CX2-Toro

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Brand: CAO

Cigar Name: CX2-Toro

Origin: Nicaragua

Wrapper: Cameroon

Filler: Columbia, Nicaragua

Binder: Cameroon

Length: 6 ”

Ring Gauge: 54

Overall Reviewers Average Score: 7.41 = Average

Scoring: Under 5.9 = Poor / 6 - 7.4 = Average / 7.5 - 8.4 = Very Good / 8.5 - 10 = Superior

Note: All cigar reviews are done thru a blind taste testing.

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Score

Lance Windham

Appearance: Nice appearance, single cap, smooth & small veining. Great dark brown Cameroon wrapper. Nice earthy, Cameroon scent on pre-light.

8.4

Construction: Medium weight for a large vitola size. Firm even roll but not too tight.

7.4

Draw & Burn: Pre-light draw was better than expected for the firmness of the roll & size. Nice even burn @ first third, second third but at the end of the second third it had a harder draw. The tighter draw straighten out and opened up to a lot of full smoke.

7.5

Flavor & Strength: Started out mild with a lot of smoke, no distinguishing flavor on the 1st few puffs. Then it developed a cocoa with a little spice, then a hint of cinnamon and honey nut and finished with hints of a peppery sweet aroma.

8.4

Final Impression: At the half way mark to the last third it seemed a little harsher smoke and had a hard ash (stem in filler). I enjoyed the 1st half with the most distinct flavors. I typically enjoy a Cameroon and food this to be very different than my normal Cameroon smoke

8.4

Tasted with water.

This tasters Average Score

8.02

Marilyn Miller

Appearance: Slight veining, med brown & dry to the touch

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Construction: Firm, well capped. Became dry & began to unroll during burn.

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Draw & Burn: Smooth easy draw, burns evenly and had a dark grayish ash.

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Flavor & Strength: Medium to full body with a woody aroma and a spicy flavor that was slightly sweet & spicy.

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Final Impression: Not as complex I enjoy.

7.5

This tasters Average Score

7.5

Oscar Lopez

Appearance: Attractive dark wrapper, nice ring size. A few small blemishes, nothing to offensive.

7.5

Construction: Medium firmness, veiny & bumby.

7.2

Draw & Burn: Very easy draw, lots of smoke, burns even, ash a bit flaky (light to medium gray at the halfway point). The burn became uneven and lost its ease of draw.

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Flavor & Strength: 1st 1/4 = Grassy, earthy & medium bodied, 2nd 1/4 = cocoa & some spiciness and the best of the cigar, 3rd 1/4 = earthy, woody & a bit harsh, last 1/4 = unsmokable

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Final Impression: This is an attractive dark stick and started out with a earthy, grassy flavor and an easy draw with a good burn. It evolved into a creamy cocoa smoke that was mostly mild to my palate. At the mid point of the smoke it became harsh and flavorless and with less than a 1/4 left it was an empty flavorless stick.

6.5

Tasted with coffee.

This tasters Average Score

7.04

Glen Omary

Appearance: Seemed solid but typical.

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Construction: Very solid with a stem protruding from each end.

7.5

Draw & Burn: Smooth draw, long slow burn and uneven at times with a tenancy to burn out.

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Flavor & Strength: Earthy from the start with a mild spice flavor & strength. It seems to be a mild to medium stick.

7.5

Final Impression: This cigar seemed to start off good but the flavor & draw got to be poor.

7.4

This tasters Average Score

7.08