

## XIKAR Defiance

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Brand: Defiance by XIKAR

Cigar Name: Defiance

Origin: Nicaragua

Wrapper: Nicaragua

Filler: Nicaraguan & Honduras

Binder: Nicaragua

Length: 6"

Ring Gauge: 46

Overall Reviewers Average Score: 8.82 -Superior

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

Joe T.

Appearance: Very nice, smooth Colorado wrapper. Very few veins, small double pigtail cap. Very low sheen in appearance.

8.5

Construction: Very firm to the touch, flawless wrapper. Pigtail could have been a little more predominate, but still attractive.

7.8

Draw & Burn: Excellent burn & draw with the first few puffs. Dark flakey grey ash. Slight uneven burn within the first inch of smoking and moderate blistering of the wrapper along the burn line. Uneven burn throughout with a dark thick burn line. At midpoint, slightly canoeing.

7.5

Flavor & Strength: Sweet leathery from 1st puff. Medium in strength. Very like spice in the finish, but overpowered by leather & a light coffee. Flavor intensifies when smoke is blown through the nose. At midpoint there was a clean finish.

8.2

Final Impression: Full medium in body/strength. Very attractive consistent cigar. Was a very clean finish. Would smoke again.

8.4

This tasters Average Score

8.08

Theresa Schulz

Appearance: Beautiful wrapper, nice veins and great feel in your hand.

9.5

Construction: Excellent construction/not too tight or loose.

9.5

Draw & Burn: Draws easily and has an even burn. Burns slowly so you have to be careful not to be aggressively puffing or it could become harsh. Excellent burn, relighting was not necessary. Great long ash and a great burn down to the end.

10

Flavor & Strength: Exceptionally smooth, medium to full, great taste with no strong after taste. A very clean after taste and it never became harsh.

10

Final Impression: Excellent cigar! Great burn & draw and made a Great Smoke! Taste was consistent throughout the cigar & never became harsh or strong even down to the nub. Would most definitely purchase & recommend it.

10

Tasted with water.

This tasters Average Score  
9.8

Tony Goins

Appearance: Dark, oily, nice ring gauge.

9

Construction: Beautiful wrap & fir.

8

Draw & Burn: Smooth easy draw. Even Burn.

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Flavor & Strength: Medium, lightly spiced, little peppery, Smokey, coffee, & a nice after taste.

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Final Impression: Great cigar!! Splendid blend. Consistent throughout the smoke.

8

Tasted with water.

This tasters Average Score

8.4

Robin Ream

Appearance: Wrapper is a sun-grown appearance with medium texture. Moisture is consistent. Slightly un-even in filler, but not bad at all.

8

Construction: Good-No complaints at all.

8

Draw & Burn: Lights up well and burns evenly and consistently. A well made cigar down to the nub.

10

Flavor & Strength: A very complex cigar that lends itself well to Mediterranean food and dry wines. After ten minutes you can close your eyes and imagine being in a New England sail boat where the woody atmosphere blends into the smoke. Definitely a full smoke.

10

Final Impression: This is an impressive cigar that exhibits unusual character, start to finish a definite must in your collection. I am looking forward to my own box of these.

9

This tasters Average Score

9

Stan Piernik

Appearance: Medium brown smooth wrapper with several large veins in it with a pigtail cap. It has a matt finish to it, dull & lack-luster.

8

Construction: Feels very firm to the touch, but solidly constructed. Wrapper seams are tight & smooth with a little tight pigtail. Cut was clean & smooth. Flawless !!

9.4

Draw & Burn: A somewhat sweet taste. Smooth unrestricted draw - Perfect! Easy to ignite. Burns well with a firm light grey ash & wide Burn band, but a slight uneven burn. Lots of smoke.

9.6

Flavor & Strength: A medium body smoke with a nice zingy spiciness of pepper. Smooth on the palate. A very good aftertaste & finish.

9.8

Final Impression: Overall a very good cigar. Would smoke them if the store stocked them. A definite winner!

9.7

This tasters Average Score

9.3