

From: Brenda Roberts
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2007 3:57 PM
To: Paula Barker
Subject: RE: Verification of Christina Vinci's Cigar Selections for Port & Cigars Article Plus SPARKLING WINE ARTICLE IS LIVE WITH YOUR STORE'S INFO

Paula,

Thank you for your patience! (Please note that the prices we are quoting you include California Tobacco tax of 45.13%! Prices will be different in other parts of the country based on local tobacco tax - California tobacco tax is high but not one of the highest tobacco states)

Under Premium selections: (Premium priced or premium selections? ALL are premium selections on this list - your palate will determine where you personally will rate the cigar), I would remove the Bolivar and move the Torano Decadencia up to premium selection. The Carlos Torano Reserva Decadencia is a California Port-infused cigar, which is very smooth and is in fact fantastic with Port. It is very subtle - not like a flavored cigar at all. It is a bit like smoking heaven. They come in glass tubes and when you first take the cigar out of the tube, you get a beautiful whiff of port.

I would add La Aurora Preferidos Maduro, which come in a gorgeous ruby colored tube. Don't let the packaging fool you; it smokes as beautifully as its packaging looks -nice and rich, wonderful with port. \$22.00 each

Medium priced: La Flor Dominicana Chisel keep as listed

Add: Camacho Triple Maduro \$13.00 to \$16.55 each A very dark triple Maduro cigar with a sexy black and silver band and smokes that way!

Rocky Patel Decade, a new cigar just out that is a wonderful medium bodied cigar with port \$8.00 - \$9.00 each

Less expensive: Baccarat is good as listed but take out the Don Mateo and substitute with Arturo Fuente Chateau Fuente Maduro, \$6.00 an always reliable delicious

Mild to medium bodied smoke.

Sorry it to me so long to get back to you. Thanks for the mentions!

Brenda

-----Original Message-----

From: Paula Barker [mailto:paula.barker]
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 2:58 AM
To: Brenda Roberts
Subject: Verification of Christina Vinci's Cigar Selections for Port & Cigars Article Plus SPARKLING WINE ARTICLE IS LIVE WITH YOUR STORE'S INFO

Dear Brenda,

Thanks so much for your's and Christina's time recently with help on my article for IntoWine.com. Here is the link to the published article:
<http://www.intowine.com/best-recommendations-holiday-sparklers-and-champagnes>
and your section appears on page 3 (scroll to bottom of first page and click 3

or go directly to page: <http://www.intowine.com/best-recommendations-holiday-sparklers-and-champagnes?page=0%2C2>), plus there is a plug for your store at the end of the article: <http://www.intowine.com/best-recommendations-holiday-sparklers-and-champagnes?page=0%2C4>.

The next article on port and cigars will focus even more strongly on your store. Please verify that the following cigars, picked by Christina, would go well with port, and maybe suggest one or two in addition to what I've listed for each price category. If you think you need to add to or change any of the tasting note information provided by Christina, please do.

Cigars For Pairing with Port

Suggestions from different price ranges:

Premium

§ Padron, 1964 with Maduro wrapper: smooth and rich with hints of spices; \$11-\$20

§ Bolivar Gigante: full-bodied cigar, earthy; \$12

§ Graycliff Chateau Gran Cru: full-bodied, earthy and classic; \$21-\$32

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Medium-priced

§ Torano Decadencia: port-infused with hints of port wine and chocolate; medium-bodied; \$13.25-\$15.60

§ La Flor Dominicana Chisel with Maduro wrapper: full-bodied, slightly spicy with a rich taste; \$8-\$10

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Inexpensive with no shame:

§ Baccarat Maduro, Churchill or Rothschild size; \$3-\$6: smooth with sugar tip

§ Don Mateo #7 or #11, with Natural or Maduro wrapper: smooth; \$2-\$5

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The sooner you can do this, the better, as then I will be forwarding your list to Chef Roy Salazar (<http://www.intowine.com/husband-wife-chefs-discuss-wine-and-food-pairing>) for some great port picks to pair with your cigars.

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