

CHATEAU DIADEM CONVICTION Toro- REVIEW

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I tested the Chateau Diadem Conviction Toro. The is available in Switzerland from February 1st, 2023. The importer is The Royal Cigar Company AG. You can read about what this brand is all about in this review.

Tasting Notes from the Chateau Diadem Toro

I carried out the analysis with the Zigarren.Zone testing tool. You can find explanations of the ZiZo R+ smoking technique here.

External impression before lighting

Format: Toro (ring 52 / length 152 mm)

Price: Status February 23 / CHF 14.90 / box of 12 CHF 178.80

Recommended acclimatization in humidor in cellophane: 10 days

The color and the wrapper: dark brown/silky and also a bit oily

The construction and the cold pull: The structure is even when finger rolling. When smoking, I noticed an irregular structure (more on this in conclusion; taste and burning behavior were not negatively affected by this, however). / The cold train is a bit woody



General impression after lighting in the first 5 minutes

Lighting and draw resistance: lighting is easy / draw resistance is a little too light

The burn, the strength and the taste: The burn is even / the strength 2/5 / the flavor is subtle and pleasant on the tongue / retronasal pleasant / R+ pleasant and intense



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Course of enjoyment and conclusion

Enjoyment process: The first half is linear / in the last third the increase goes up / it becomes stronger 3/5 and in the final 4/5.

Conclusion

First the problem, because the cigar also has its beautiful sides. I want to write these down later.

In the last third, there may have been a small design flaw, or the cigar still needs acclimatization (because of the journey). The ash burst and the filler burned unevenly. Fast on one side and slow on the other. This led to wave fire and sloping fire.

You have to keep in mind that I only tested one cigar and this error cannot be applied to all cigars. I have more specimens and am curious to see how they will perform over time.



Now the positive

- The wrapper is beautifully marbled and feels good. The cigar glows very well and evenly most of the time.
- The ash was stable.
- The taste of the cigar was full-bodied and pleasant. It perfectly balanced wood and cocoa, slightly spicy and sweet. Umami (middle of the tongue) was juicy. I really liked the full-bodiedness and the light sweetness.
- The smoke smell (aroma) was soft, round and slightly spicy. The smoke smelled pleasant in my cigar lounge.
- The cigar started off light to medium strong (2/5). From the second half she gets stronger (3/5). Shortly before the last third she reached the strength 4/5.

Recommendation: Allow the cigar to acclimate first. 10 days in cellophane in the humidor might be enough. The cigar is probably too strong for a beginner. To avoid a nicotine flash, you have to be careful.

About Chateau Diadem Conviction

Chateau Diadem's factory is located in Navarette (Domain Republic), just a few minutes away from some of the largest and most well-known factories in the region.

The tobaccos are carefully dried and fermented several times. This allows the colors, taste and aromas of the cigars to develop. The tobacco used from Nicaragua and Ecuador is hand-selected by the Master Blender and his team.

After the cigars have been rolled, they are checked for consistency and colour. Before the cigars are packed in boxes, the cigars are stored in the aging room for at least 6 months so that the tobacco can mature and develop.

Resources on the topic

[Find Chateau Diadem on Google](#)

[The Royal Cigar Company AG](#)

[Download Cigars.Zone PDF Tasting Tool](#)

[Helpful cigar tips: From "retronasal", "R+ technology", to "Umami" to the difference in cigar storage between Non-Cuba and Cuba](#)

