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Cigar Geeks Staff Review

Bow Tie Blue Label Robusto

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Cigar Geeks Rating

Welcome to another Cigar Geeks Critique of a vitola provided to us by our friends at [Bow Tie Cigar Company](#). They have generously provided a number of their [Blue Label](#) cigars in the Robusto size.

Length:	4.5
Ring Gauge:	50
Country Manufactured:	Dominican Republic
Filler:	Dominican Republic
Binder:	Dominican Republic
Wrapper:	Connecticut Broadleaf
Color:	Maduro
Strength:	Medium
Shape:	Robusto



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This cigar was enjoyed with Corona

Pre-Light: 18 Points of 20 Possible

This is a decent looking small cigar at 4.5 x I'd say 48 or 49. The wrapper is dark and smooth, though more of a matt finish than an oily one. It is thick, with a noticeable large vein running through it. The cap is well centered and sliced off well. The cigar is firm and both end bunches looked a little dry, but there is a give to the squeeze and shows that the humidity is just right for smoking. I don't like the blue bowtie label, it makes me think I am smoking an "it's a boy" kind of cigar.

Light & Burn: 14 Points of 15 Possible

This stick lit very easily, and the burn on this little guy is impressively dead on for the whole smoke without any re-lights or adjustments needed whatsoever. The ash was darker grey for the wrapper and whiter for the filler. It held well up to one inch, but more from the heavier broadleaf wrapper than anything else. This is a quick burning cigar and I suggest to ease up on the draws to keep it cool, but nonetheless there was plenty of nice clouds of white smoke. The draw is quite open, but not in a way to spoil the smoke, unless you really tug too hard. This is a quick smoke, about 30-40 minutes worth.

Construction: 28 Points of 30 Possible

For me, this is a tough cigar to knock points off when it comes to pre-light, lighting and burn, and overall construction. For such an unobtrusive looking cigar, it sure does hold its own. The draw might perhaps be too easy for some, but for me it works quite well. The cap holds up well and there wasn't any wrapper issues to be found.

Flavor: 29 Points of 35 Possible

First Third: A mild beginning with a nice smooth tobacco taste. No bitterness or harshness present. Not spicy, mildly sweet, a little woody.

Second Third: Quickly building to a medium bodied smoke and holding there for the entire second third. Still smooth, still mildly sweet, a nice aftertaste present on each draw.

Last Third: Held at medium bodied and all the tastes pretty much remained the same, which is not a bad thing for me. A little tingling happening on the tongue as I started to finish the last inch and just a touch of licorice maybe?

Summary

Well, I can easily conclude that this was a very good cigar for me. And on a scale of 1-5 stars it would be a 4.25 rating in my book. I don't know why, but I did not expect it to be as good as it was. It was an easy cigar that left me wanting more; not because it lacked in flavor, but just because I wanted a bigger vitola...like the Churchill!

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