

## H&H SERCIAL 10-YR AND H&H SERCIAL 15-YR: DAVIDOFF NICARAGUA, ROBUSTO OR DIADEMA

Nutty, earthy and salty, as a good Nicaraguan should be.
Mild enough to let these drier wines shine.

#### H&H VERDELHO 15-YR:

## PADRON ANNIVERSARIO 1964 EXCLUSIVO, MADURO

The aromatic roundness of this medium-dry wine reminds Krimm of bitter chocolate. Padron's high-heat fermentation process for the tobacco in this cigar gives a sweeter texture to this smoke. Leather and nutty notes complete a beautiful marriage.

# **H&H BOAL SINGLE HARVEST 2000:**

# PLASENCIA ALMA DEL CAMPO, TRIBU OR SENDERO SIZES

Cedar, earth, cocoa and spice elements of this all-Nicaraguan cigar meld with the firm and salty profile of this Colheita Madeira.

# H&H MALVASIA 10-YR:

# LA FLOR DOMINICANA LIGERO L500 OSCURO

"Ligero" is the last picking of a tobacco season, the strongest-flavored leaves closest to the sun. La Flor's fermentation isn't as long, but they bruise the leaves after fermentation, creating a different kind of complexity. Creamy, sweet and spicy, rich enough to meld with the sweetness and dance with the acidity of the Malvasia.

### H&H MALVASIA 20-YR:

# DAVIDOFF WINSTON CHURCHILL, ROBUSTO OR TORO SIZES

Winston Churchill is one of the iconic blends of Davidoff, with Ecuadorean wrapper, Dominican/Nicaraguan filler, Mexican "San Andreas" binder. Cedary and peppery, with a salty leather note that picks up both the extra age and the salty style of H&H's 20-year-olds. A firm cigar that celebrates the brightness of the 20-year-old Malvasia.

#### **H&H TERRANTEZ 20-YR:**

#### DAVIDOFF NICARAGUA, ROBUSTO OR TORO SIZES

The combination of peppery and citric side notes in the filler blend make an ideal match for the particular brightness of H&H's Terrantez.

# H&H VERDELHO 20-YR: PADRON FAMILY RESERVE 45, MADURO

Dense, intense spice and cocoa notes on an earthy, woody frame complement the salty, sour-cherry edge of the 20-year-old Verdelho blend.

#### H&H BOAL 15-YR:

# MBOMBAY GAAJA, TORO MADURO OR TORPEDO MADURO

This Brazilian-wrapper blend of tobaccos from 5 different South American countries is toothy, dark and brooding but still leaves room for the complex richness of this rounder example of H&H Boal. A little bit of cinnamon and lime from the cigar keeps everything refreshing.

## H&H MALVASIA 15-YR:

# ILLUSIONE ÉPERNAY, "LE FERME" OR "LE MONDE"

This cigar has plenty more of that salty Nicaraguan tobacco, but in a package replete with honey, cream and baking spices. The flavors capture the richer notes of the 15-year-old blend, but never get heavy or ponderous.

### H&H TINTA NEGRA SINGLE HARVEST 1995 FULL RICH:

### THE T. CONNECTICUT, ALL SIZES

This cult collaboration between several prominent cigar makers is a fulsome cigar to pair with the richly textured Tinta Negra. Coffee and nut notes meld with the flavors, while a tinge of grassiness calls to mind the bit of tannin from the red grapes and reins in the sweetness. A particular cigar for a particular wine.



W. Curtis Draper Tobacconist in Washington D.C. is the iconic cigar merchant in one of the most classical cigar towns of the world. Matt Krimm, co-owner of the 121-year-old merchant, takes the store into the 21st century with the Civil Cigar Lounge, where he specializes in pairing just the right cigar with just the right wine, rum or whiskey. Krimm sat down with Sotolon Selections to taste a few Henriques & Henriques Madeiras and offer some pairing advice.

Matt made an overall point to start. H&H's white-grape Madeiras have a particular salinity, due to the producer's policy of never blending Tinta Negra-based Madeira into the white-grape wines. To Krimm, this salinity calls to mind Cuban tobacco; for Sercial Madeira, he says, Cubans are ideal. Nicaraguan tobacco also brings a salty edge, and many of his pairing selections reflect that preference. Krimm relished the chance to work with most of the wines, though he saved particular love for the H&H 15-year-old Boal.



# PAIRINGS



