

Welcome to the presentation on cigars



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Areas of Tobacco Cultivation



In a Factory

- *After maturation, the leaves of tobacco go to a factory. After this process they have lost their natural elastic properties and much humidity.*
- *Here, dried leaves are brought to life again.*
- *As in every myth, also here there is a scintilla of truth. After the process of bringing leaves to life, they are selected for a following production. In this very stage women, who most usually do this work, put selected leaves on their thighs.*



The Structure of a Cigar

Cross-section

- *Filler - insert*
- *Roller*
- *Cover*

Longitudinal structure

- *Foot*
- *Body*
- *Head*



The Colours of Caps

- *double claro (light green)*
- *claro (very light brown)*
- *colorado claro (light brown)*
- *colorado (brown)*
- *colorado maduro (dark brown)*
- *oscuro (black and brown)*



Control

- *One of the most important stages in the production process is the quality control. It is checked if the cigar has appropriate diameter, if the cover has uniform colour and if it is not damaged.*
- *Since 1999 also the air flow through the cigar is controlled. Too weak flow of the smoke (drawing) was in its time the most common reason of complaints.*



Packing

- *The last production process is labeling the cigars and putting them into boxes.*
- *The colour of the cover is very important while putting cigars into boxes (from the darkest on the left to the lightest on the right).*
- *Conventionally, there are 25 cigars in a box, but more and more often there are boxes of 10 cigars.*



The Storage of Cigars

- *A cigar stored in appropriate conditions can preserve all its properties for 15 years and more.*
- *Humidours are used in order to store cigars. They are made from wood and covered with cedar inside.*
- *Ideal conditions to store cigars are 18- 21° C and the humidity of 70 %.*



Cutting a Cigar

- *Hand-made cigars are closed on one side.*
- *We never cut a cigar in the place where it is the widest.*
- *The width of the opening gives the possibility to choose the intensity of the thrust.*
- *Cuttrers have various shapes. What is most important, they should be precise.*





Thank you for your attention



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