

# BOLIVAR SOBERANO EL 2018!

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I am excited to announce I have partnered with @cigarshoplumo to begin reviewing a new cigar each month! My commitment to you is to provide a



completely unbiased review of some of lumos extensive inventory! Keep in mind, a review is a totally relative and personal experience BUT it is a great way to get a general synopsis as to the aging potential of a cigar, its flavor profile, construction and in my opinion, whether it's worth the price! For my first review, I am lighting up the Bolivar Soberano EL 18. A unique vitola for Bolivar, the 54 x 5 1/2 stick is a great size, comparable to the Partagas Serie E no. 2. Its wrapper is dark but the quality of the leaf certainly leaves a bit to be desired, which has been an unfortunate trend lately coming out of cuba. Dont let that discourage you though as what makes these special is really

what's on the inside. With a box date of Sep. 18, the obligatory "it's ok, but it's still young" statement will obviously ring true but after lighting this up, the medium/full body flavor with hints of cinnamon, dark cocoa and a peppery spice definitely create a complexity that I am enjoying. While it started out on the medium body side it progresses half way through to a more robust full body smoke. The hints of pepper, which admittedly I am typically not a fan of, are even more prevalent. There is a salty and sweet, maybe even salted caramel nuance likely due to that dark wrapper. The burn is slightly uneven but slowly correcting itself about half way through. I am impressed, however, by the billows of smoke the well rolled cigar provides with each draw. Much like many younger cigars, the closer you get to the the end, it becomes a bit harsh but with age that should mellow out and add another layer to what has been a very good full body cigar. Overall, these Bolivars are not your stereotypical mild flavored Cubans. These are for the cigar smoker who loves a stick with some robust body, something that holds up to a great whiskey ( I paired it with a Glenmorangie Signet and it was great! ) and a steak dinner. Bolivar really went out of there way to create something special and, as mentioned above, with time, this Bolivar '18 EL is going to be one of the most sought after from this marca released over the past few years. Stock up while you can, at \$245 per box of 10 they wont last long! ALSO, MENTION ME WHEN YOU ORDER YOUR BOX AND @cigarshoplumo WILL THROW IN AN ADDITIONAL FREE CUBAN SINGLE!