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# JOYA DE NICARAGUA CUATRO CINCO RESERVA ESPECIAL EDICIÓN ASIA





“We wanted this masterpiece to revolve around Pixiu, a Chinese hybrid mythical creature believed to be a protector and wealth promoter, and is a figure ever-present in powerful and grandiose feats of victory in battle, representing the values of courage and resilience that are common between our Nicaraguan and Asian cultures,” said Juan Ignacio Martínez, executive president of Joya de Nicaragua. “This is not about cultural appropriation; on the contrary, is an expression of cultural interconnection and profound friendship.”

“At Cigraal, we are proud and honored to be the exclusive agent for this first limited edition from Joya de Nicaragua,” said Eric Piras, founder of Cigraal. “Asian aficionados are very fond of exclusive cigars; with the utmost quality and craft of the blend and the superb packaging, we are confident that this limited edition will generate enthusiasm in cigar connoisseurs and collectors.”



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OVERALL SCORE

To say that Joya de Nicaragua has been on a roll lately would be an understatement, and the Joya de Nicaragua Cuatro Cinco Reserva Especial Edición Asia keeps the string of very good cigars going. The Gran Cónsul vitola and the cigar's blend seem to work together well; at its best, the cigar is incredibly well balanced, deep in flavor, subtlety complex and yet still capable of delivering both senses-tingling pepper and a bit of robustness. On top of that, the construction is fantastic. If you have the opportunity to try this cigar, I'd certainly recommend it. If not, thankfully there are four other sizes that should be fairly readily available that will give you a good idea of what you missed.