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## Puros Indios Viejo 1999 No. 4 Especial

Rolando Reyes Sr. is a rarity among cigar factory owners, as he was originally a cigar-maker. Credited by some with having the best hands in the business, Reyes is also an admittedly tough boss: he has flipped over the table of a wayward roller to make a point, and likes to slip clumsy workers notes with the word *ojo*, Spanish for “eye,” to let

them know he’s watching. Reyes makes wonderful blends that tend to be medium bodied, and recently he and his family have been setting aside small amounts of cigars to age for several years as part of this special Viejo line, which they release in small batches. The No. 4 Especial measures 5 1/2 by 45, and has a woody and earthy flavor.

**MADE BY:** Puros Indios Cigars  
**FACTORY LOCATION:** Honduras  
**WRAPPER:** Ecuador  
**BINDER:** Ecuador  
**FILLER:** Nicaragua, Dom. Rep., Brazil  
**PRICE:** \$4.95  
**2006 PRODUCTION:** 7,500 cigars  
**RATING:** 91

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## Montecristo Robusto Edición Limitada

This is one of three of this year’s Edición Limitadas, and it’s a big hit with aficionados around the world. For the last five years, a range of “ELs” have been launched each year, and the concept is all the same: create a shape, or *vitola*, that is not normally found in a particular brand, use a dark brown two-year-old wrapper and make about 10,000 boxes of 25 cigars. The Montecristo Robusto

was part of the first batch of Edición Limitadas, which were released in 2001. So this is a re-release to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the line, and we think that the second production is better than ever. The 4 7/8 by 50 cigar delivers much of the usually cedar, earthy and tobacco character of a Montecristo, but the darker wrapper gives the smoke a little more kick.

**MADE BY:** Habanos  
**FACTORY LOCATION:** Cuba  
**WRAPPER:** Cuba  
**BINDER:** Cuba  
**FILLER:** Cuba  
**PRICE:** £15.00  
**2006 PRODUCTION:** 250,000 cigars  
**RATING:** 90

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## Saint Luis Rey Reserva Belicoso

Altadis U.S.A. Inc. is a unit of the world’s largest cigar company. Being large has its advantages, particularly when it comes to economies of scale. Making cigars on such a voluminous level in all segments of the market—from inexpensive, machine-made cigars to the most pricey of handmade smokes—enables the company to produce some cigars at bargain-basement prices. It’s

hard to find a better value in the world of premium cigars than the Saint Luis Rey Reserva Belicoso. It’s a hefty smoke, measuring 6 1/8 by 52 ring, yet it has a suggested retail price of just \$3.45. It’s crafted in one of the true stealth factories in the business, the Flor de Copan factory in northern Honduras. The factory makes several wonderful cigars, including two others on this year’s Top 25 list.

**MADE BY:** La Flor de Copan  
**OWNER/DIST:** Altadis U.S.A.  
**FACTORY LOCATION:** Honduras  
**WRAPPER:** Nicaragua  
**BINDER:** Nicaragua  
**FILLER:** Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru  
**PRICE:** \$3.45  
**2006 PRODUCTION:** 200,000 cigars  
**RATING:** 90