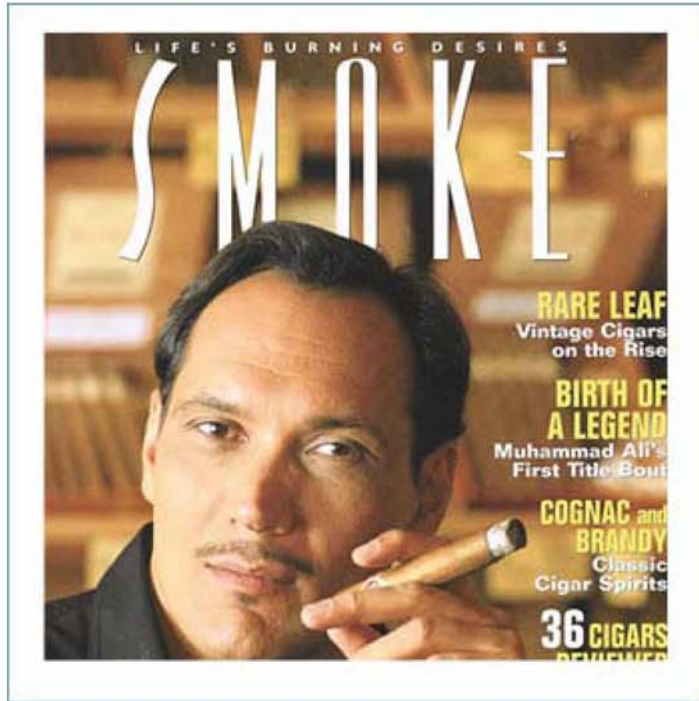


**Graycliff Espresso - Smoke Magazine**



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***Graycliff Espresso Pirate 4.3***

<b>DIMENSIONS 6X52</b>	<b>PANELIST #1</b>	<b>PANELIST #2</b>	<b>PANELIST #3</b>	<b>PANELIST #4</b>
<b>AESTHETICS</b>	A dark, modeled, oily wrapper surrounded this solid, veiny torpedo.	This cigar looks good enough to eat; a light sheen of oil's on the wrapper.	This is a dark, attractive belicoso, with coarse veins and plenty of oils.	A nicely formed cocoa-colored torpedo, lacking in veins and splotches.
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	Obviously well-constructed, with a	This well-built cigar had a spicy pre-light scent	Consistently rolled; a few soft spots in some	It's firm yet soft and supple to the touch. The

	smooth taper. The burn was even and slow. Ash was strong and dark.	and a good draw. All samples had a slightly uneven burn.	samples. The draw is decent and burn is even; ash is dark gray.	draw is easy, almost loose, yet the cigar never gets hot.
<b>FLAVOR AND STRENGTH</b>	Peppery, spicy flavors smoothed out as it burned. A robust flavor of after-dinner chocolate finished it off.	Initially spicy and medium-bodied, the spice intensified and then mellowed back to milder levels.	The cigar displayed impressive, rich fullness from the start; espresso and chocolate flavors were excellent.	Rich, creamy, and robust are the words I would use to describe this full-bodied stogie. Aroma is spicy.
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	This rough-looking torp turned out to be a real man's cigar. Smoke it with a best friend and an espresso	If strong spice is what you're looking for, this could be a go-to stick. And it's a good-looking cigar, too.	A pleasant surprise; I didn't want this one to end. You'll definitely find this ugly duckling in my humidor.	Any coffee beverage would pair ideally with this cigar, as would a good full-bodied red wine or port.
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