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THE GOOD LIFE: Cigar of the Day - Daniel Marshall No. 2

In many ways, Daniel Marshall is an anomaly in the contemporary cigar world. As many companies produce low-end accessories and cigars to meet broader demand, the California-based company sticks to its high-end guns, producing beautiful and well respected humidors along with a smaller production cigars at lower levels than is the norm for most labels.

Closely associated with Arnold Schwarzenegger, they've produced custom humidors for him and he's been known to hand their sticks even though he's known to be Cuban aficionado, their smokes are not available in a whole lot of places nationwide.



The only store that I know has them in the DC area is boutique producer [Paul Garmirian's](#) store in McLean, Virginia.

One of my great regrets as a cigar and chess lover is not having purchased one of the beautiful 30 limited edition [chess set humidors](#) they produced. That's the impact that having kids will have on indulgence in frivolities in your life. It's a wonderfully amazing, if sublimely frustrating, experience. Nevertheless, it has an unmistakably negative impact on living the good life.



As to the No. 2, it's a nicely made, Cameroon wrapped, Nicaraguan leaf filled, Dominican rolled beauty. It's a very nice smoke, but the Marshall burgundy label torpedo - there is another black labeled designation that is also Dominican made - falls

short from being a top-tier smoke. This particular stick was a gift, but superior smokes can be found for around the \$8.00 price that it is found at retail.

Nevertheless, with a dominating pepper taste and good balance, it's a smooth smoke that is sufficiently complex to please. But the somewhat limited flavor diminished after the first half keeping it from being a great cigar.

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