

Bosporus Strait Plug - Va/Per/Or



Thought I would try something new and experimental with whole leaf Virginia, Oriental and Perique tobacco plug. Pressing a 200g block consisting of:

- 30g Izmir
- 60g Perique
- 110g Bright Virginia

The Virginia is cased with sugar water with a 1 to 1 weight of water to sugar to make 200g of basically simple syrup with a cap full of white vinegar and spoonful of Brewer's Best Plum Extract. The mixture is brought to a boil to invert the sugars (thanks to the vinegar) and let cooled down. I use 2oz of the mix to case 1 lb of Virginia. The Perique and Izmir do not need to be cased.

All the components are mixed in a bowl. I tried to unravel the perique from the dense clumps. Had shred by grabbing two fists full and ripping with a twisting motion. Then toss the tobacco salad and load into my steel press.

I press the mixture down using an frame press (\$169ish at Harbor Freight or Northern Tools) and then remove the form and clamp it down with a C-Clamp. I will periodically tighten for a week but probably won't need much after using the frame press.

Next I throw the whole form, clamp and all in the oven for 4 hours at 200F.

This was a really enjoyable blend. No harshness. The Virginia and Perique are at the forefront but Izmir comes through as well adding complexity.

Virginia, Oriental and Perique tobacco plug



Virginia/Perique/Oriental plug

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