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# The Virgin's Guide to Terlingua

*2018 Edition*

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# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

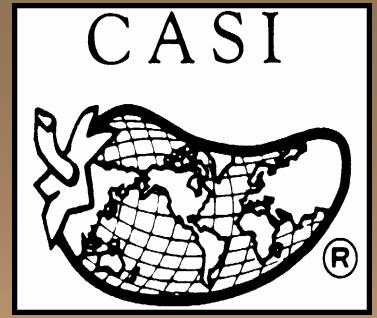
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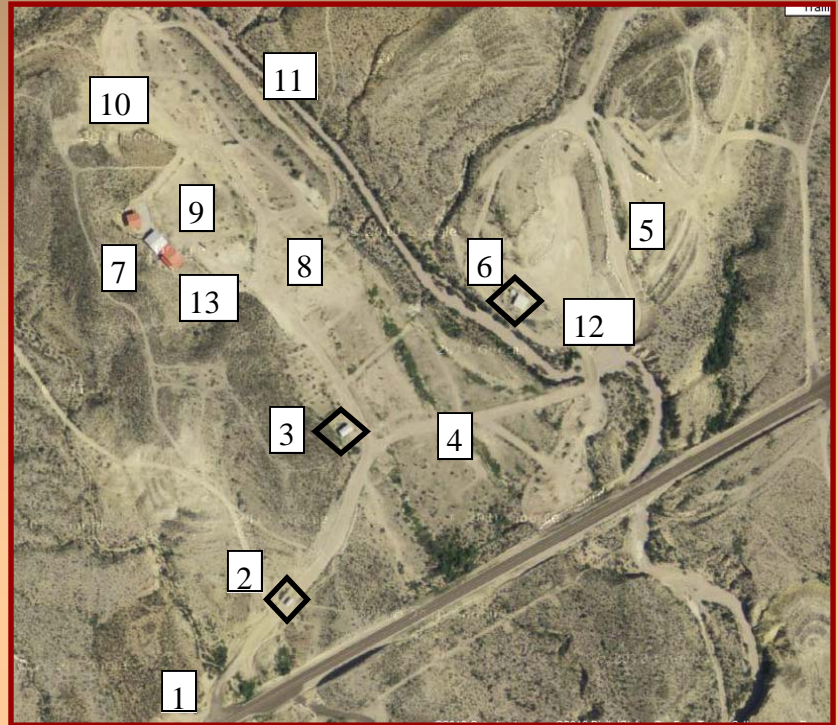
***For many of you this is your first time to TICC and the Ranch. But for several going this will not be your first journey to the Ranch or your first journey to that area. This is a little guide of a few places that you will see on your adventure to the Ranch. There is also quite a bit of plant life to see and I have included pictures and the names of these. I truly hope you enjoy the “guidebook”.***

*Have a safe trip and look me up when you get there*





Here is a satellite view of the Ranch. As you can see the ranch covers quite a bit of ground. A good pair of walking shoes is recommended. The terrain is very rocky. When walking at night, it is also highly recommended to carry a flashlight. You don't want to stumble and fall and twist an ankle. Another thing about your stay. Some years there are pests...one year it could be flies...one year it could be bees...one year it could be nothing at all...if it's bees, be careful what you put in your mouth...there are several instances over the years of bees getting into cans and stinging inside your mouth...Be watchful. If you are allergic, make sure you have your EPIpen with you.



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|---------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Entrance               | 7. Presentation Stage, Concession, Judging Pavilion   | 12. Si Brown Original Louisiana Hot Sauce Pavilion |
| 2. Front Gate             | 8. Cook's Camping Area  | 13. CASI Admin Building                            |
| 3. City Hall              | 9. Old 320  |  |
| 4. Spectator Camping Area | 10. Cook's Camping Area   |  |
| 5. Krazy Flats            | 11. Cindy Lane... Space is limited inside the cook's area and we are asked to move spare trailers to this area. |  |
| 6. Krazy Flats Saloon     |   |  |



The location of the ranch is about halfway between Study Butte and Lajitas on FM170. The drive is beautiful. The roads in West Texas are very smooth and well maintained. However, during the week of TICC, be warned, the speed limit IS THE SPEED LIMIT. Make sure your car is in perfect order, i.e. No broken side mirrors, ALL taillights (including the license plate lights) and headlights working, inspection up to date. Make sure you have your registration and insurance. The roads are heavily patrolled during this week.

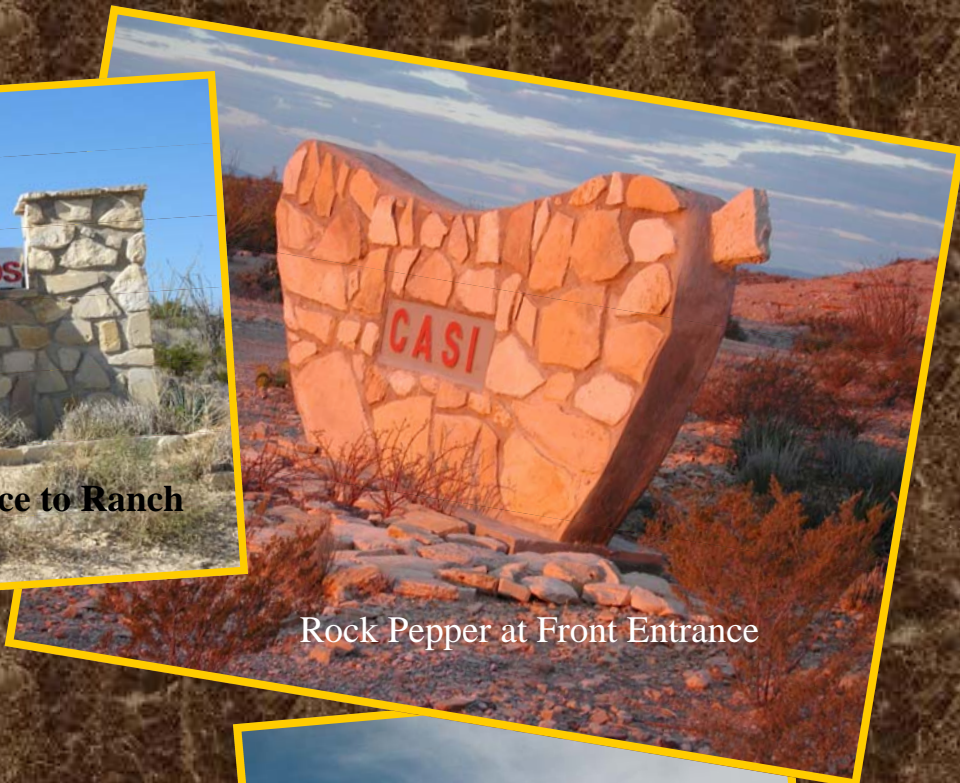


# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

Terlingua Texas



**Front Entrance to Ranch**



**Rock Pepper at Front Entrance**



**First Stop...Main Gate**



**Entrance to the Ranch**



# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

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Rancho CASI de los Chisos. This is a view from the hill looking down on 1. Old 320 (cook's area), 2. Cook's camping area. In the far upper part of the picture is 3. Krazy Flats. 4. The presentation stage, 5. Ancira concession area 6. Mexene Judging Pavillion



Presentation Stage



Ancira Pavillion Main Concession Area (foreground) & judging pavilion in the background.



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The Si Brown Original Louisiana Hot Sauce Pavilion. Located in Krazy Flats next to the Krazy Flats Saloon.



Mexene Judging Pavillion





# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

## Terlingua Texas



This is a view from the main concession area. On the left is the Old 320 Board. Behind it is the CASI Memorial board. The Old 320 Board lists the names of all 320 people & groups that donated the money to purchase the CASI ranch.



1. Old 320 Board
2. Memorial Plaza
3. Founder's Board
4. CASI Memorial Board





# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

Terlingua Texas



**Each year on the Tuesday preceding TICC Saturday, there is a cook-off to benefit the Cookin' for CASI program. This annual event is hosted by CASI Pods. There are different Pods hosting each year.**

**In its second year, it's the Anything But Chili Contest. Hosted by the VASA Pod, this new event tests your imagination, creativity and your taste buds. A fun event open to everyone.**



## Anything But Chili

**1st Place**  
**Jason Douglas, El Paso TX**

**Ingredients:**

- 2- 8oz blocks of softened cream cheese
- 1- Box of CASI Terlingua TX Chili Mix
- 1- 6oz can tomato sauce
- 1- 32oz container chicken broth
- 2lbs. HEB Ground Chuck 80/20
- 2- 16oz packages shredded cheddar cheese

**Directions:**

- Follow "Quick Recipe" on CASI Terlingua Championship Chili Mix box
- Microwave cream cheese for (1) one minute in glass dish
- Remove and spread cream cheese to cover bottom dish
- Next pour chili on top of cream cheese
- Layer with shredded cheddar cheese
- Microwave (3) minutes or till cheese is melted.

**CASI**





# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

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Gentlemen...Wednesday evening...The TITS party...Tequila in Terlingua Society.... behind the presentation stage. Bring a bottle to share and your cigars for gents only party.



Ladies...Wednesday evening in the judging area....It's the Terlingua Rosebuds Party...the theme for this party changes every year. This year..."DRINK THE RAINBOW".



After the respective gatherings Wednesday night, there will be a Night Lighted Golf Cart Parade. Begins at 9pm.





Rancho CASI de los Chisos  
Terlingua Texas

# Le Grande Tour de Poivre



The annual atv/golf cart parade through the grounds of the Ranch. New theme every year. Open to spectators and cooks, the parade has become a fun event. This year the parade will be a night time lighted parade. Staging begins at 8:30pm on the side road leading to the stage. Parade begins at 9pm





# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

## Terlingua Texas

### Scholarship Day

This is a very special day at the ranch. Beginning around 8am on Friday morning, the students from Big Bend High School come to the ranch for the raising of the colors and to perform for us. Later in the day are the beans, wings and salsa contests generously underwritten by Louisiana Hot Sauce, Mrs. Renfro's and Mexene Chili Powder. These are cash award events. The proceeds from the entry fees benefit the National Scholarship Fund. For those not aware, CASI awards three different scholarships: The National Scholarship Fund is open to students around the country...The Tex Schofield Scholarship is granted to the Valedictorian at Big Bend High School. Also the Ancira-Friends of CASI Scholarship which is awarded to the Salutatorian at Big Bend High School. This is an event not to be missed.



Also, during this week ...the school has their annual Book Fair. The library at the school also functions as the town's public library. The great thing about this is that you can go to the library and purchase books for the children. Each year there is a theme and the kids write down what books they would like to have. You go in, select your child and the librarians will help you find the books. You also fill out a bookplate that is placed in each book with your name. You can purchase books for the classroom and the library. This is a very worthy cause and I highly recommend taking the trip to the school.



Rancho CASI de los Chisos  
Terlingua Texas

*Memorial Plaza  
Thursday Evening  
7:00 pm*



*Every year at TICC on Thursday evening, we gather together in Memorial Plaza for a short service for those friends and family that are no longer with us. An extremely moving and emotional celebration of life. Everyone is welcome to attend. In the chili world, our friends are our family and this is our time together to say goodbye and remember that our strength relies on our family.*



# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

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**First Timers Reception**

Also known as the Virgin's Party. This get together began in 2002 as a way to acknowledge the First Time Qualified Cooks cooking at TICC. Held on Friday afternoon behind the main stage.



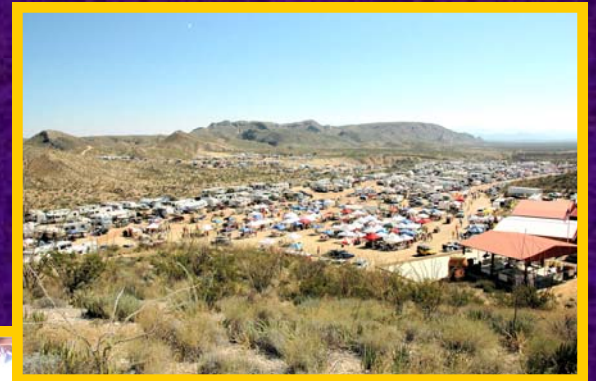
# The Virgin's Party



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# The Big Day



Old 320



Old 320



Calcutta Board



# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

## Terlingua Texas

There are many things to see and do in the area while you are there. There are also several things on the way down to see if you want to stop and take the view. Most of these however are off of Highway 90. Outside of Del Rio there is Seminole Canyon State Park once you cross over the Amistad Reservoir. A bit further down the road you will cross the Pecos River. On the east side of the river is an overlook with a fantastic view and if you look just right you can see where the Pecos meets the Rio Grande. Just over the west side of the Pecos is Langtry. There is a Texas Highway Dept Visitors center and museum for Judge Roy Bean. It's a great place to stop and take a break.

After you have traveled a bit, stop off in Marathon and visit the Gage Hotel and White Buffalo Bar. The Gage is the oldest continuously operating hotel in Texas. Next to the Gage is the White Buffalo Bar. They have a white buffalo on the wall there. It's amazing how large these animals are. When you are in Marathon you have a choice to make....either head west to Alpine or turn south and head into Big Bend National Park...the drive through the park is beautiful but there is a 45mph speed limit...AND THEY MEAN IT.... If it is your first time, stop and take your pic at the Big Bend National Park sign...then head on into the ranger station at Panther Junction before you head into Study Butte and the Ranch. There are many places to see and things to do in the area and in the park.

If you are arriving early there are many drives you can make and tours you can take. Go into the Basin in Big Bend; they have hiking trails and great view of the Window. You can take a rafting tour down the Rio Grande that is offered by Big Bend River Tours or Desert Sports, both are CASI corporate sponsors. The drive from the Ranch through Lajitas follows the Rio Grande all the way to Presidio. If you have the time, this is one of the most beautiful drives in the state. You travel through Big Bend State Park. You can stop and walk around the old western movie set on the banks of the Rio Grande and travel on down the road and stop at the overlook in Colorado Canyon. Want to keep going?

Then travel on in to Presidio and have lunch. There's a great little Mexican restaurant on the main drag on the left...don't remember the name but the food is great. There is also a duty free shop on the Texas side. However, you purchase your goods on the Texas side, and they will meet you at the border crossing and give you your purchases there. You then have to drive into Ojinaga and turn around and cross back over so you can go through the border crossing to make it all legal.

In Terlingua, you can stop and shop at the Ghost Town Trading Post or take a walk through the cemetery. Since we are there close to Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, the cemetery is decorated for the festivities. Terlingua has some great places to eat and the best pizza you will EVER eat is at Long Draw. Don't be in a hurry but definitely worth the wait. Long Draw is also a Corporate Sponsor. If you have the chance, take advantage of the area and have a great time.

One last note, always be safe. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. This is beautiful, desolate country and enjoy yourselves, just be careful. I understand that there is a lot of information here but hopefully you'll be able to pick and choose what you would like to see and do.

Have fun.



The pictures on the left and below are of Ernst Tinaja in Big Bend. Tinaja in Spanish means 'earthenware jar'.

Bottom picture is all that is left of the hot springs on the Rio Grande located in Big Bend.

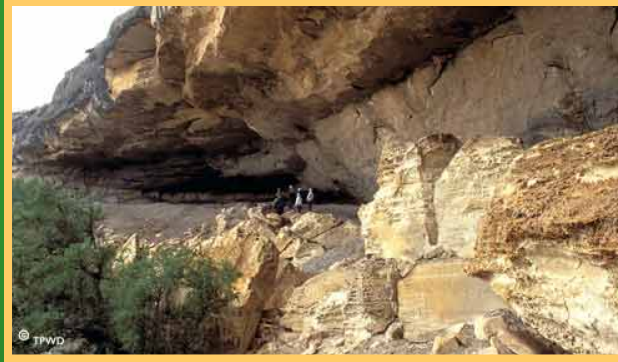


One last thing... I would be remiss in not pointing this out. If you decide to go through Alpine, that too is a beautiful drive. Sul Ross State University is there as well as the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and the Museum of the Big Bend. If you happen to have forgotten anything that you need from the supermarket, this is your last chance to shop at a full blown store. The stores in Study Butte carry a limited amount of supplies. The drive into Study Butte is extremely scenic and beautiful.



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**Seminole Canyon State Park**



**Views of the Pecos River from the overlook**

**Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center**



**Marathon TX, The White Buffalo, The Gage Hotel**



**Panorama shot of Santiago Peak and the Dead Horse Mountains outside Marathon TX on the way to Big Bend**



# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

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**Entrance to Big Bend**



**View of The Window inside the Basin**



**Terlingua Trading Post in the Ghost Town**



**Cemetery at the Ghost Town**



**Double rainbow at the Ranch**



**Full moon at the Ranch**



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**The pictures to the right are of the old movie set on the way to Presidio. (far right)The Rio Grande and yes those are the mountains in Mexico. Sadly the set has been torn down.**

**The pictures below are of Colorado Canyon on the road to Presidio. It's a great drive through the mountains.**





# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

## Terlingua Texas



**CANDELILLA**

*EUPHORBIA ANTISYPHILITICA*-WAX PLANT. WAX IS EXTRACTED BY BOILING AND IS USED IN CANDLES, COSMETICS, OINTMENTS, WATER-PROOFING AND POLISHES.



**CREOSOTE BUSH**

*LARREA TRIDENTATA*-GREASEWOOD. GOVERNADORA. USED BY EARLY SETTLERS FOR SEVERAL MEDICINAL PURPOSES AND AS A FOOT DEODORANT.



**DOG CACTUS**

*OPUNTIA SCHOTTII*-DOG PEAR. A NUISANCE TO MAN AND ANIMALS. GROWS IN DENSE CLUSTERS, MAKING LAND ALMOST UNUSEABLE.



**SOTOL**

*DASYLIRION TEXANUM*-LEAVES WERE USED BY INDIANS TO WEAVE MATS. THE HEART OF THE PLANT CAN BE BAKED AND EATEN AND ALCOHOL PRODUCED FROM IT.



**PURPLE-TINGE PRICKLY PEAR**

*OPUNTIA MACROCENTRA*-HARDY CACTUS OFTEN USED AS AN ORNAMENTAL.



**OCOTILLO**

*FOUQUIERIA SPLENDENS*-DEVILS WALKING CANE. NOT A CACTUS. LEAVES DRY UP AND FALL OFF DURING DRY TIMES, BUT COME BACK QUICKLY AFTER A RAIN. INDIANS REPORTEDLY ATE THE FLOWERS AND SEED PODS AND MADE COUGH MEDICINE FROM THE FLOWERS.



**SPANISH DAGGER**

*YUCCA TORREYI*-FLOWERS AND FRUIT ARE BORN ON LARGE STALKS AND ARE EATEN BY HUMANS AND ANIMALS.



# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

## Terlingua Texas



### FISHHOOK CACTUS

**ANCISTROCACTUS SCHEER**-ROOT CACTUS. HAS GREENISH, RATHER SMALL FLOWERS. THE CENTRAL SPINE IS STRONGLY HOOKED GIVING THE PLANT ITS NAME.



### HORSE CRIPPLER

**ECHINOCACTUS TEXENSIS**-VIZNAGA. LARGE RIGID SPINES HARMFUL TO HOOFS OF HORSES AND CATTLE AND CAUSE FLATS ON RANCH VEHICLES. CACTUS CANDY IS MADE FROM THIS PLANT. RED FRUIT IS EDIBLE.



### LIVING ROCK

**ARIOCARPUS FISSURATUS**-STAR CACTUS. GROWS IN STONY GROUND AND IS EASILY MISTAKEN FOR ROCKS THAT SURROUND IT.



### LEATHER PLANT

**JATROPHA DIOICA VAR. DIOICA**-RUBBER WEED. USED AS A CHEWING GUM SUBSTITUTE. JUICE USED FOR HARDENING GUMS, REMOVING TOOTH STAINS, TREATING SORES AND STOPPING FLOW OF BLOOD FROM MINOR WOUNDS.



### BOKE BUTTON CACTUS

**PITHELANTHA BOKEI**-TINY SOFT SPINES WILL NOT STICK YOU. DELICATE PINK FLOWERS PRODUCE RED SEED PODS.



### RESURRECTION PLANT

**SALICINELLA LEPIDOPHYLLA**-ALSO CALLED SIEMPRE VIVA IN SPANISH, WHICH MEANS "LIVES FOREVER". PLANTS USUALLY APPEAR TO BE DEAD, BUT OPEN UP WITHIN TWELVE HOURS AFTER A RAIN TO FORM A BRIGHT GREEN FERN. CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT WATER FOR YEARS.



# Rancho CASI de los Chisos

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**Texas Sage**



**Joshua Tree**



*This is the road outside of Marathon on the way to Big Bend. That is Santiago Peak on the right. I always know that I am getting close to the ranch when I see this view. The drive through the park is definitely worth the extra time it takes to get to Study Butte and the ranch.... Take the time...*





*My friends...  
I hope that some of the information here is useful to you . There are so many things that just can't be imagined or described or told about. I hope that you take the time to explore this part of our fascinating state while you are out there.*



*I need to thank someone that really helped in this. A huge thanks to Michael Mayorga for sharing with me his images of TICC, the Ranch, and their memories. There are some beautiful photographs.*



*This was a special project that came to my mind in 2009 on my way home from Terlingua. I thought how great it would be for the new cooks to have a "guidebook" so to speak. I know that, especially at this time of year, the new cooks hear stories and people often refer to places, etc. and about how wonderful and great they are....now you can see what they are talking about.*



*If you have any comments or suggestions please pass them on to me....find me at the ranch and we can sit down, break out your bottle and the shot glasses and talk about it.*



*I truly hope that you find this place as special and memorable as I do.*

*Take care and have a safe trip.*

*Keith*







# ANYTHING BUT CHILI

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Turn-in 1:00pm-Krazy Flats Entry Fee \$20.00

**Rules:**

New CASI Chili Mix will be provided.  
You can make chili and use it in some way, you just can't turn in a cup of chili. You must use the CASI mix in some way.  
You must turn in a recipe card with your entry.  
Pictures will be taken of your entry and you with your entry at turn in.  
Recipe cards will be furnished at registration.  
50/50 payback

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Presentation
2. Creativity
3. Taste

For more information you can contact:  
Dianna Hoy at diannahoy@aol.com



This event is being hosted by VASA Pod.

# EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OCT 29-NOV 3



## Terlingua Rosebuds

Wednesday, October 31  
7:00pm

# Drink the Rainbow

The Rosebuds party this year will be a night of Camaraderie and fun for all women at Rancho CASI de los Chisos. It will be sponsored By Svedka Vodka this year so you can expect a great Time with your Rosebud friends. As usual, we plan to entertain you and touch your heart. Dress code is come as your favorite flavor. Its Halloween, so get creative. Prizes will given!!! Make plans to join us for this special night.

# Light up the Desert



2018 TICC  
LIGHTED GOLF CART PARADE  
WEDNESDAY, OCT 31, 2018

## Tequila in Terlingua Society

Wednesday, October 31  
7pm

Behind Main Stage

Gents...Join us Wednesday evening behind-the stage for an evening of Cigars and shots.

Featuring cigars from Outlaw Cigar Company and

Tequila from Casa Noble

