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Band: Blackwater (USA)

Genre: Doom Metal / Hard Rock

Label: The Past Less Traveled Records

Albumtitle: Blackwater

Duration: 33:17

Releasedate: 15.04.2014



The band was already formed in 2002 by the guitarist Shayson Clay. Only a decade later, after several changes of the Line-up, the debut album is going to be published now. As producer functioned the certainly well known Eric Wagner (Trouble), who lets here an earthy sound drain out of the speakers. Furthermore the individual instruments can be heard out very well.

The music is placed in the area of doom much rock and a bit metal. During the first listening, the whole thing sounds unspectacular.

If one lets the disc rotate more often, one notices that experienced musicians are doing their work here. Slightly scratching guitars riff themselves amazingly through a landscape of sound, which is enriched with a creaky bass and groovy drums. Despite the present insert of doom, the entire thing seems to be nimbly and totally relaxed. There's no such thing as triggering, loudnesswar or scrubbing of technique. In exchange you got fine solos, truly handy refrains and a singer, who rounds off the whole thing by his hoarse voice. Everything seems to be coming from one drench and one senses the lifeblood, which is set in the music. There's nothing constructed or put-on, but simply genuine. And that's the big advantage of this disc. Because of the present cool rocksongs with dirt underneath the finger nails and the grave doomer, there's enough diversity regarding the speed.

Unfortunately the duration is limited and one of the songs is even a cover version, which furthermore turned out to be only average.

After such a long time of development, there should be more possible.

Conclusion:

A cool, but unfortunately short, doom rock disc that makes fun.

Rating: 7/10

Recommendations: Opposite Sides of Glass, Bone Crusher

Weblink: <http://www.facebook.com/Blackwaterband1>

Lineup:

Shayson Clay - guitars

Todd Phoenix - guitars

Gary Hopkins - drums

Mitch Barnes - vocals

Doug Abbott - bass

Tracklist:

1. Final Solution
2. Opposite Sides of Glass
3. Killing Fields
4. Crucifixion
5. Bone Crusher
6. Revenent
7. Marching Back
8. Blackwater
9. Deceiver (Judas Priest Cover)

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