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Band: Tombstones (N)
Genre: Stoner / Doom Metal
Label: Soulseller Records
Albumtitel: Vargariis
Duration: 56:31
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Tombstones, the trio from Oslo, is not unknown in the Stoner / Doom Metal-scene anymore today. After all the guys produced already 4 studio albums since 2009, which have been well received within the scene. With "Vargariis" the next longplayer is going to be published on the 04.12.2015.

The opener "Barren Fields" begins after a short intro with a not too slow tempo. The perfectly dirty sound attracts attention instantly. The vocals, a mixture of screams and rough clear singing, are rather merged in the background with the result that the instruments clearly dominate the sound. In the middle of the piece it picks up pace and offers a tremendously awesome riff, which successfully rounds off the well done entry, towards the end.

We continue with "And When The Heathen Strive, Vagariis Rise" in which the doom-club gets unpacked. An interesting contrast forms the piece "Oceans Of Consciousness", which begins with blast beats and black metal typical riffs. Though this song is set mainly in the lower tempo regions, the beginning immediately draws attention because you would usually not expect such a sudden change of speed. Another highlight of the album is "Underneath The Earth", which features a quite dark atmosphere and very thrilling riffing. The outro "Pyre Of The Cloth" has also become pretty cool and shows in some places why Black Sabbath is still regarded as the influencing factor in Doom Metal.

Conclusion:

Tombstones achieved with "Vargariis" to create a very atmospheric album with a wonderfully scratchy and rough sound. Indeed, each song has overlength but the album never gets boring. I would recommend to listen to "Barren Fields", "Oceans Of Consciousness" and "Underneath The Earth", although the album works best as a whole.

Rating: 8,5/10

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Lineup:

Ole Christian Helstad - Vocals / Bass
Bjørn-Viggo Godtland - Vocals / Guitar
Markus Støle – Drums

Tracklist:

01. Barren Fields
02. And When The Heathen Strive, Vargariis Rise
03. Oceans Of Consciousness
04. The Dark High
05. Underneath The Earth
06. Pyre Of The Cloth

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