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Band: Wind Rose (I)

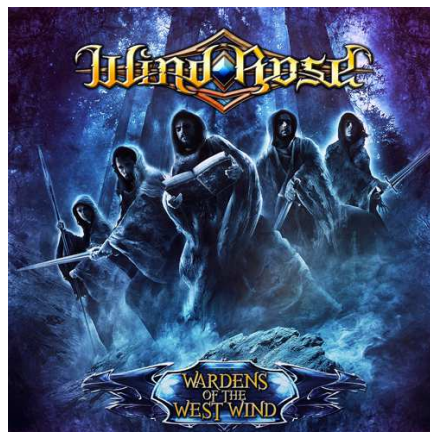
Genre: Power Metal

Label: Scarlet Records

Albumtitle: Wardens Of The West Wind

Duration: 51:01

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Small but mighty but above all epic. This intro starts the second album of the Italian Power/Symphonic Metal Band Wind Rose with the first song "Age Of Conquest". One feels directly reminded of the German Blind Guardian with the massive start of the choir in combination with slightly progressive Speed/Power Metal. Even the vocals of frontman Cavaliere sound like a fusion of Mister Kürsch and Iron Savior's Piet Sielck with a pinch of Jorn Lande.

The catchy style of the beginning doesn't effected continuously and changes into a more progressive style than the opener. Next the band rather reminds of Symphony X mixed up with highly melodic choirs of Orden Ogan. But even that sounds interesting.

However, a song like "The Breed of Daring" gets out of line and sounds very clear like modern and hard Folk Metal above long passages.

I like especially the hymn "Skull And Crossbones" which sounds really symphonical and is suitable as Pirate Metal. It should be also noted that the band repeats certain passages only seldom and so some catchy choir remains as unicum.

This is also the problem I have with the album, because you need several runs to bear it in mind. Nevertheless, it is a glorious produced and masterly played album full of crashing metal riffs bursting upon forceful orchestral work. Furthermore, the ensemble is refined with awesome choirs and guitar solos crowned with a really wonderful artwork that invites you to buy it. The final song "Rebel and Free" takes the helm again with the catchy structure.

Conclusion:

Friends of already named bands can grab it and be pleased with high quality. The album is quite a pleasure while listening, but isn't something for inbetween. It needs more attention. The missing catchiness reduces my pleasure in some songs, but in contrast the album offers a lot of hymns. Just what I expect of an album like this. The mixture is good and knew how to please.

Rating: 8/10

Recommendations: The Breed Of Durin, Skull And Crossbones, Rebel And Free

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LineUp:

Daniele Visconti - Drums, Vocals (backing)

Claudio Falconcini - Guitars, Vocals (backing)

Federico Meranda - Keyboards

Francesco Cavaliere - Vocals

Cristiano Bertocchi - Bass

Tracklist:

01. Where Dawn And Shadows Begin
02. Age Of Conquest
03. Heavenly Minds
04. The Breed Of Durin
05. Ode To The West Wind
06. Skull And Crossbones
07. The Slave And The Empire
08. Spartacus
09. Born In The Cradle Of Storms
10. Rebel And Free

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