

# Metal Only

Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!

Band: Desolate Shrine (FIN)

Genre: Death Metal

Label: Dark Descent Records

Albumtitle: The Heart Of The Netherworld

Duration: 61:46

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Luckily, I had already turned on the heater when I listened to the first sounds of the third album of Desolate Shrine because the room temperature decreased immediately by some degrees and won't even increase for the next few hours.

They fill the ears of gracious fans with bitterly cold guitar riffs, as one can remember from bands like Immortal. However, Desolate Shrine doesn't play pure Black Metal but rather creates a type of art that outreaches the borders of genres starting with the consistently denial of predictable song structures. In this way a song can have a duration of almost 15 minutes and then only 6 minutes again. As another brand of the band the drums clearly take the centre stage as well as the role of the leading instrument at times.

Only when I dealt with the lineup, I had recognised two vocalists on "The Heart Of The Netherworld". There are guttural vocals falling into screaming parts at some points, but I really cannot filter two diversely sounding vocals.

Desolate Shrine sounds like Bölzer from Switzerland in the best parts of their album. Well, an infernal mix of Death and Black Metal. Unfortunately the band can't keep the high level throughout the entire duration. The music sounds too often boring or only as a filler. The best example is the song "We Dawn Anew". You need more than a little bit whispering, slowly drums and sometimes shortly played guitar riffs to create atmosphere. The song would have been shorter but much better if these parts had been dropped.

This is just an example. I thought during the progress of the album: "When does the music start (again)?"

Conclusion:

In its best moments it is good mix of Death and Black Metal leading to new directions regardless of trusted sounds. But considering to the entire duration there is a lot of unsupported stretch that reduces deeply the listening pleasure.

Rating 5/10

Recommendations: Black Fires of God, Heart of the Netherworld

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

Lineup:

LL – All Instruments

RS – Vocals

MT – Vocals

Tracklist:

01. For the Devil and His Angels
02. Black Fires of God
03. Desolate Shrine
04. Death
05. We Dawn Anew
06. Leviathan
07. Heart of the Netherworld

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