

# Metal Only

Das einzig WAHRE Metalradio im Netz!

Band: Kill Ritual (US)  
Genre: US-Metal  
Label: Scarlet Records  
Albumtitel: Karma Machine  
Duration: 47:03  
Releasedate: 18.09.2015



The leaflet speaks of "...heavy to melodic while retaining their thrash roots." Ok, heavy and melodic I can understand, but the Thrash Roots seem to me entirely absent. But that is not really bad since Kill Ritual offer a strong disc which is made really good regarding the technic and the songs.

It reminds me rather of the good old term "US-Metal", which served as a genre token in the mid-80s. I think of musicians as Hexx in the times of "Under The Spell", but even that doesn't come close to the sound of the band. Too much "normal" heavy metal, significantly influenced by Judas Priest, comes out of the speakers here. The pace is really very, very rarely raised for justifying the above-described Thrash Roots, which are actually not present.

Good arrangements and great riffs, which the guitars come up with just like that, are sadly not sufficient for more than a just a good metal album, though.

Although the singer knows what he is doing and the energy of the pumping riffs is quite more than average, it is still worn, because you have heard it all before ... and that more than enough.

Everything is fine when it comes to the ability of the band, but still nothing happens what would make me listen up or what would make a good album an excellent one.

Conclusion:

A technical strong and qualitatively well made Metal album, which was already rendered by many other bands like that, though. It doesn't hurt to listen to it, even if it gets forgotten fast, unfortunately.

Rating: 6,5/10

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Line-Up:

Steve Rice - Lead Guitar  
David Reed Watson - Vocals  
Bobby HQ Storm - Bass  
Koryun Bobikyan - Drums

Tracklist:

01. Just A Cut
02. Rise
03. The Enemy Inside
04. The Key
05. Karma Machine
06. My Green Room
07. Kundalini
08. Land Of The Dead
09. Camera's Eye

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