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TUNE-UPS reviews



SEVENDUST

Alpha

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Being shafted by their label and nearly going broke was the best thing that ever happened to Sevendust. On *Alpha*, they sound pissed off and like they have something to prove. Instead of tugging at heartstrings this time out, Sevendust go for the jugular, creating vicious thrash-based songs that surge and sway as they pummel. The group hasn't abandoned melody, though; it's used to augment Lajon Witherspoon's soulful vocals instead of as vehicle for commercial success.

—Jon Wiederhorn