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(Adeline East/West)

Jesse Malin's third record is a warm blend of timeless rock and melancholy moods, belted out in the tradition of Bruce Springsteen. True-to-life imagery comes through the snarled vocals, which are equal parts grit and melody. The up-tempo feel of the album, giving a positive yet worn in feel, balances the raw qualities. Having composed many of the songs solo in his New York basement rehearsal space, Jesse shows off his surplus supply of bluesy riffs and lyrical substance. The production accentuates the tremendous heart behind each track, and guest appearances by The Boss himself,

Jakob Dylan, Chris Shifflet (Foo Fighters), and Josh Homme (Queens of the Stone Age) give the album even greater relevance. The slower numbers, giving the whole effort a well-roundedness that's definitely satisfying from beginning to end, completes the listening experience. American rock rarely comes across so honestly these days, so shake hands with Jesse and lend him your trusting ear. —*Dustin Umberger*