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Band stays strong, retains its own style



Artist: Sevendust
Album: "Alpha"
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Spanning from 1997 until now, Sevendust has been a consistent name on the rock scene with many beloved songs, such as "Enemy," "Black" and of course the single "Driven," which was released in February, before the release of the new full-length album "Alpha."

With their mixture of huge, beefy guitar riffs, pounding drums and the poetic progression of anger-fueled vocals to rich, clean vocals and harmonies, Sevendust has a bit of something for everyone, providing the adrenaline rush for the hard rockers and the more lyrical, melodic sound for the

alternative crowd.

Sevendust comes on as strong as ever with the release of "Alpha."

No new gimmicks, no changes in the sound, no reaching for that one thing that would bring in a new demographic — just straightforward, hard-rocking integrity.

A definite attention grabber of the album would have to be "Under," grabbing listeners immediately with a colossal driving rhythm that will leave your neighbors pounding on the ceiling, telling you to turn it down — not that you will be able to hear them.

All in all, "Alpha" is a great addition to any music lover's library, and a must-have to complete any former fan's collection.