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DVD Review: The Rolling Stones - Under Review 1975-1983: The Ronnie Wood Years Part 1
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Somebody on the radio once said something to this effect: "I don't trust anyone who doesn't like Led Zeppelin." I agree with that statement, and I would proffer The Rolling Stones can be used in the same type of statement. You don't have to like everything about the band, or the peculiar personalities within, but you have to admit they've displayed serious virtuosity over the past half century. The peculiarity I mentioned is what makes stories about them so potentially interesting.

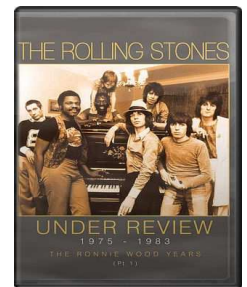
"The Rolling Stones Under Review: 1975-1983 – The Ronnie Wood Years: Part 1" could be amongst the longest titles in documentary history. To be fair, it's a title that tells you everything you need to know. '75 was the year Ronnie Wood joined Keith Richards on guitar with the Stones. Brian Jones essentially formed the band, but died from excess. Mick Taylor came in for a while, but Ronnie Wood has to be the only "third stringer" to ever become an iconic member of a legendary band. The film details the selection of Wood and the band's ensuing output.

This DVD is purely unauthorized material, but it traces the Stones' journey through a period of great change. There's a lot of footage of the band in concert and some old interview bits. Mainly, though, this film is populated by critics both kind and harsh, as well as some people that worked with the band at the time. The footage looks and sounds good and the behind the scenes information offers an interesting portal into their lives.

The film faces the same problems that any unauthorized journey contains: there are no recent interview bits with the subjects. To be honest, though, there are innumerable hours of footage of the Stones in other places, and hearing from these outsiders was not boring. I'm a child from the '70s and '80s, but the Stones and their contemporaries are where my musical taste lies. I've watched countless music docs and concerts and this is well put together.

The DVD is part of a continuing series on The Rolling Stones. I haven't seen any of the others, but this one should offer a couple hours of enjoyment for anyone that likes the band. There are only a few extra video tidbits to enhance the journey, but the film itself is worthy.

Rating: **UNRATED**
Country: USA
Release Date: November 20, 2012
Distributor: Sexy Intellectual
Grade: B



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