

17 Pine Avenue,' New Riders Of The Purple Sage (Woodstock Records/MVDaudio, 4 stars)

This March 6 CD is the first release by the New Riders since 2009, and I'm surprised that there was one of such recent vintage. They released their eponymous debut album in September 1971 after being signed by Clive Davis to Columbia.

Many years and personnel shakeups later, here's a new one with original members David Nelson (guitar/vocals) and Buddy Cage (pedal steel) supplemented by Michael Falzarano(guitar/vocals), Ronnie Penque (bass/vocals) and Johnny Markowski (drums/vocals). Former Grateful Dead lyricist Robert Hunter adds words to Nelson's compositions.

- Ricky Flake

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