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Negura Bunget - Virstele Pamintului CD (Code666/MVD)

Negura Bunget are one of the most innovative and exciting bands I've ever heard in my life—and I make this statement without a trace of hyperbole. Hailing from Transylvania (seriously—it's a part of modern Romania, not a mythical place created for books and movies), they are essentially masters of black metal, with a gorgeous mix of evil and clean vocals (all delivered in their native tongue); the most aggressive

wall of black metal guitars and drums to be found this side of Watain; a cacophony of lush instrumentation in all the right places; and an overall delivery so emotionally powerful that it could drive a horde of alien invaders to their knees (assuming that said aliens had knees, of course) without even a hint of resistance. I am particularly impressed by the huge, lush production on display throughout—so-called purists be damned: the fact is that the typical 'kvlt' (read: shitty) production found on most 'true' (sic) black metal releases is both utter rubbish and an admission of weakness as artists. Negura Bunget impress and overwhelm the senses at every turn, and 'Virstele Pamintului' is a masterpiece of epic proportions. Founding member/mastermind Negru (also responsible for drums and percussion) has assembled an allnew lineup for this release; Negura Bunget is now a staggeringly huge 6-piece band rather than a 2- or 3-man project, and to state that the entity is better for it is an understatement. Negura Bunget albums have always destroyed the competition, but with this release they've proven that there is no more competition—this band stands alone on top of the black metal heap. **The Impaler**

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