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Record Review: JD Malone & The Experts: Avalon



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Another Tuesday is fast upon us here in our city of Toronto and as the sweltering heat wave settles in to bake us to a crisp it is important not to forget that we all need a little entertainment as we all stay appropriately hydrated. Available at record stores LAST Tuesday, we will take a listen to a debut that reminds us of a young Steve Earle, Tom Petty and John Mellencamp; let's give JD Malone & The Experts: Avalon a spin.

JD Malone & The Experts remind me of that band you stumble across one Saturday night at your local bar that get the crowd jumping by mining a rich catalog of Americana roots, rock n roll with one notable difference; these guys are actually good. Front man Malone is very much a Springsteen/Kid Rock hybrid playing country music with a little bit of soul and an appropriate dash of attitude. On "Just Like New" he is equally at place at a dive bar in New Jersey or playing The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. With the title track "Avalon" Malone's strength as a storyteller comes through as the impassioned old soul in his

Video: JD Malone & The Experts

Rating for JD Malone & The Experts: Avalon:

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voice is coming through taking us on a journey asking Avalon,

"You can save me from myself and all my sorrow"

While Malone's strong vocals are the clear leader of this bands sound, the musicianship is stellar as part of the aptly named "The Experts" appeal is their obvious musical chemistry.

Despite being their first album as a band, it sounds like these players have been together for a very long time.

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JD Malone & The Experts: Avalon is a debut record that manages to keep a perfect balance between flowing vocals and instrumental prowess. They don't sound forced, it all comes across naturally and an infectious and genuine love for the music they are playing comes across in their music. In an era of over produced pop music, it is a refreshing change of pace to have some catchy yet emotionally satisfying music that you can sit on your back porch with a cooler full of beer and just listen.

Key Track: Avalon.

4 out of 5 stars.

You can learn more about JD Malone & The Experts right here.

JD Malone & The Experts should be available at record stores across Toronto, click here for a list of some of the finer ones, or you can try my personal favorite right here, however I'd recommend trying an online retailer like seeofsound.com.

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