

## Johnny Winter – The Essential Johnny Winter (2013)

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CD1: 01 – *Rock Me Baby* 02 – *Highway 61 Revisited* 03 – *One Step At A Time* 04 – *Leland Mississippi Blues* 05 – *Rock And Roll, Hoochie Koo* 06 – *TV Mama* 07 – *Good Morning Little School Girl (Live)* 08 – *Talk Is Cheap* 09 – *Roll With Me (Live Version)* 10 – *Rock And Roll People* 11 – *It's My Own Fault (Live)* 12 – *Hustled Down In Texas* 13 – *Still Alive And Well* 14 – *Black Cat Bone (Live)* 15 – *Honest I Do* 16 – *Bon Ton Roulet* 17 – *Johnny B. Goode (Live)*

CD2:

01 – *Mama, Talk To Your Daughter (Live Woodstock Version)* 02 – *I'm Yours And I'm Hers* 03 – *Rollin' 'cross The Country* 04 – *Bony Moronie (Live)* 05 – *Dallas* 06 – *Miss Ann* 07 – *Self Destructive Blues* 08 – *Be Careful With A Fool* 09 – *Mean Town Blues (Live Woodstock Version)* 10 – *I'll Drown In My Tears* 11 – *Tired Of Tryin'* 12 – *Harlem Shuffle (Live)* 13 – *Sweet Papa John* 14 – *Prodigal Son* 15 – *Jumpin' Jack Flash (Live)* 16 – *Hurtin' So Bad* 17 – *Rollin' And Tumblin' (Live)*

This is an OK compilation. it includes most of the good stuff from his first Columbia album and the expected songs (Rock & Roll Hoochie Koo, Jumpin' Jack Flash and Highway 61). it is heavy on his '70s rock and roll work, and some Blue Sky material. However, none of the excellent Alligator recordings are here. That said, we all may quibble over what's here and what's left out (I would have liked to see Memory Pain from Second Winter, and more from the Johnny Winter And album). I was pleased to see his live rendition of "Harlem Shuffle" with brother Edgar (one of the best versions of the song recorded, beating the Stones version IMHO). Irregardless of the minor complaints, it is a good servicable overview of his most active period. If you REALLY are a fan, pick up "Progressive Blues Experiment" his first two Columbia CDs, the two Johnny Winter And CDs and the Alligator compilation (if its still out). He deserves a deluxe release of all his stuff in a mega box set. On a personal note: I first saw Johnny on his first tour with the former McCoys in Montreal. The mantra went through my head, "this is MORE than HEAVY". Forty two years later, that saying is still true. Rock on, Johnny!! ---Samuel B. King, amazon.com

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