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01. *Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood - Esmeralda Suite* - 14:22 02. *Gloria* - 03:56 03. *You're My Everything* - 05:01 04. *Esmeralda Suite* - 5:29 05. *Black Pot* - 07:04 Leroy Gomez - Vocals, Alto Saxophone Don Ray - arranger

Santa Esmeralda's debut dropped on Phillips Records in 1977, then on Casablanca Records for worldwide distribution; Hot Records reissued it on CD in 1994. Although the disc had originally been titled Santa Esmeralda Featuring Leroy Gomez, Casablanca renamed it to capitalize on the hit single "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood." The old Animals classic covered an entire side of the original vinyl album; "Esmeralda Suite" was simply a reworking of the hit. Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood contains three other tracks: the dull ballad "You're My Everything"; an elongated remake of "Gloria" that's borderline disco; and the refreshing "Black Pot," a soulful number that uses Spanish guitars, flamenco percussion, and lead guitars to good effect. There are no bonus tracks, so you're getting the original album intact. --- Andrew Hamilton, Rovi

Among my vinyl collection, this album and the DISCO 12" version are among my favorite, played to death. When this came out I snapped it up. Yes it is Disco, in its most classic form, complete with single, disco 12", and this album. Also, its on CASABLANCA RECORDS, Donna Summer, Thank God Its Friday, Flash Dance, Village People...nuff said.

Here in Florida, it was a huge club hit, and the long version is still played today. There weren't that many Latin flavored disco cuts, but with Santa Esmeralda and another artist 'Gomez' you couldn't go wrong. This is one of the timeless classic albums. I am just waiting for someone to

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grab this and do a remix CLUB version (DJ Sammy could do it or others) and make it a hit again. It would be, its that good. ---Porch Sitter, amazon.com

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