

## Review of the Janet Jackson CD Velvet Rope

Janet Jackson has released her most recent album entitled Velvet Rope.

Refreshingly, this was one of those CDs I was able to just pop in and comfortably listen to from beginning to end. Every track is enjoyable and was pretty easy for me to listen to from start to finish.

One of the refreshingly nice things about this CD is the way all of the participating artists seem to be really enjoying themselves. Combine that with the overall presentation and you've got one of Janet Jackson's most impressive releases ever.

Listen to and I think you'll agree that the song choices are excellent, the production is outstanding and Janet Jackson is clearly in top form.

While the entire album is really very good the truly standout tunes are track 6 - My Need, track 17 - Tonight's The Night, and track Velvet Rope - Special.

My Bonus Pick, and the one that got Sore [...as in "Stuck On REpeat"] is track 2 - Velvet Rope. Good stuff!

Velvet Rope Release Notes:

Janet Jackson originally released Velvet Rope on October 7, 1997 on the Virgin Records label.

CD Track List Follows:

1. Interlude-Twisted Elegance 2. Velvet Rope - (featuring Vanessa-Mae) 3. You 4. Got 'Til It's Gone - (featuring Q-Tip/Joni Mitchell) 5. Interlude-Speaker Phone 6. My Need 7. Interlude-Fasten Your Seatbelts 8. Go Deep 9. Free Xone 10. Interlude-Memory 11. Together Again 12. Interlude-Online 13. Empty 14. Interlude-Full 15. What About 16. Every Time 17. Tonight's The Night 18. I Get Lonely 19. Rope Burn 20. Anything 21. Interlude-Sad Velvet Rope. Special

Personnel includes: Janet Jackson (vocals); Q-Tip (rap vocals); Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis (various instruments); Mike Scott, Dave Barry, O. Nicholas Rath (guitar); Vanessa Mae, Hanley Daws, Brenda Mickens, Michael Sobieski, Elizabeth Sobieski, Carolyn Daws, Leslie Shank, Daria Tedeschi, Jan Chong (violin); Alice Preves, Myrna Rain, Glen Donnell, Charles Gray (viola); Josh Koestenbaum, Daryl Skobba, Dale Newton, Camilla Heller (cello); Ken Holmen (flute, clarinet, saxophone); Lynne Erickson (trumpet); James "Big Jim" Wright (organ, keyboards, background vocals); Gary Raynor (bass); Alex Richbourg (drum programming, background vocals); Xavier Smith (drum programming); The United Children's Choir (background vocals); Joni Mitchell.

Producers: Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis, Janet Jackson.

Recorded at Flyte Tyme Studios, Edina, Minnesota.

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