



**Vetiver: *Tight Knit*  
(Sub Pop)**

This fourth full-length from Vetiver, and the band's first for Sub Pop, comes less than a year after their last effort, a covers record entitled *Thing of the Past*. That album included a wonderful version of Derroll Adams' "Roll on Babe" as arranged by the late Ronnie Lane. The spirit of Lane and his unique pastoral folk-rock remains a tangible presence in *Tight Knit*, especially in the first half of the album, in songs such as "Rolling Sea," "Everyday," and "Through the Front Door." After opening in this lazy Sunday morning vibe, "More of This" and, especially, "Another Reason To Go" draw the curtains wide open. The latter track is arguably the album's standout, recalling the blue-eyed soul of Boz Scaggs or Josh Rouse (indeed if there is one singer/songwriter whose vocal Andy Cabic most closely resembles, it is that of Rouse). Blending wistful, feathery folk with laidback soul, *Tight Knit*, whilst (ironically) perhaps not as cohesive as their debut or 2006's *To Find Me Gone*, does nonetheless mark an intriguing point in the band's development, and looks forward to a busy 2009 in which Cabic will also be producing the new album by the "Godmother of Freak-Folk," Vashti Bunyan. ([www.vetiverse.com](http://www.vetiverse.com))  
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