

VETIVER**Tight Knit****Producers:** Thom Monahan,

Andy Cobic

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★ Working with collaborators like the Jayhawks' Gary Louris, Jenny Lewis and Black Crowes frontman Chris Robinson has certainly left its carbon footprint on the music of Andy Cobic and his band Vetiver. On its Sub Pop debut, the group aims to shed the "freak folk" misnomer once and for all with a gorgeous collection of rustic folk rock. The album fits perfectly alongside the recent work of labelmates Iron & Wine and Fleet Foxes, particularly with the British folk charm of "Rolling Sea" and the pastoral beauty of "Down From Above." Fuller and warmer than past efforts, "Tight Knit" also features more uptempo numbers like "More of This." It's the sound of a beautiful start to a promising new year of hope.—RH

