

## Mp3 Stan Martin - Love Ain't That Tough



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Guest players include Brother Cleve on keyboards and Ducky Belleveau on pedal steel. Fiddle player Scott Joss (who has played with Dwight Yoakam and Merle Haggard) is heard on four songs. In the words of longtime Boston Globe correspondent Steve Morse, "Stan Martin is an unsung hero whose grasp of honky-tonk would pique the ears of Dwight Yoakam, Merle Haggard and anyone else who loves this rollicking music. From his days in the pioneering band the Merles, Stan has remained passionate while singing and picking with a talent that should have Nashville knocking on his door. His new album is simply luminous." Love Aint That Tough follows on the heels of the notoriety of Martins previous record Cigarettes and Cheap Whiskey, which received copius accolades and four-star reviews along with earning Stan XM Radios Cross-Country Countdown #1 for 3 weeks and, in the Top 10 for 18 weeks. In the alt-country world, Stan Martin was surely the surprise success story. His Cigarettes and Cheap Whiskey won raves from critics nationwide and made a mad dash up the Americana music charts. Martin mixes rock with country like Dwight Yoakam and the Derailers, said Jim Caligiuri in the Austin press. Bakersfield apparently sneaked off to Pepperell, Mass., when nobody was looking! East Coaster Martin is, beyond question, the best exponent of West Coast country since Jim Lauderdale. A one-man Twangfest with a bookful of rockin' delights and killer self-penned shuffles, Stan might well be The Man of this year's SXSW. Make sure you see him now while you can still find a spot on the dancefloor, said Tony Rounce about Stans performance at SXSW in Austin.

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