

## Mp3 Armchair Empire - Country: Alt-country



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COUNTRY: Alt-Country, FOLK: Folk-Rock Details: Mark Duvall's Armchair Empire plays folky, old-school-country/americana and haunting acoustic pop songs; these organic and straightforward tunes resonate with earthy images of grace and transparency. The grateful grandson of depression-era sharecroppers, miners and cowboys, Mark Duvall is the eldest son of a hardworking Ozzie and Harriet-like upbringing. Duvall discovered his musical aptitude and learned to love old-time music in a little "country" church in the shadow of Los Angeles skyscrapers. Duvall, who wrote all the songs for the Armchair Empire project on acoustic guitar, is reconnecting with the acoustic American music of his familial roots. Other organic instruments like resonophonic guitars, mandolin, dobro, melodica, B3 organs and cello drop into the mix to visit like old friends on a Sunday evening. Mark has this to say about Armchair Empire... "I love that this record was recorded with some of my closest friends; it's very home-grown. Armchair Empire is made up of a group of talented musicians who have known one another for years. Tim Edmundson handles drums and percussion; Ron Way played guitars with me (all the tough and pretty parts are Ron's); Steve Taylor plays all the keyboards, and Ric Matthies and Andy Baugh share bass duties. The fetching Casie Duvall (my lovely wife) joins in on backing vocals along with Ray Allen (not the NBA star, but he does drive the lane with tenacity). A few other friends played as well, including legendary dobro player LeRoy Mac (of Kentucky Colonels fame, and my pal Mark's dad) who agreed to play a couple tunes on the record as well! This project was an absolute labor of love. I think they'll all tell you that means they're waiting to see any financial benefit to playing on this record." Duvall has built a reputation as a songwriter with a keen ear for both melodic hook and lyric imagery. As

singer/poet of a few So Cal rock bands in the past several years, he has opened for, and played with some talented folks the likes of Everclear, Rick Elias, The Ventures, Dennis Agajanian, Kay Bess and Loren Johnson. Like any artist, Mark Duvall is reluctant to compare his style to any one artist, but one can hear the influences of Neil Young, Johnny Cash, and Roy Orbison, and great bands like Grant Lee Buffalo and Sun Volt. People who are interested in Johnny Cash Neil Young Grant Lee Buffalo should consider this download.

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