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There's a tremendous musical focus evident from the opening moments of this release by Swiss pianist Colin Vallon, his second album for ECM. His trio on the new release has bassist Patrice Moret and drummer Julian Sartorius, and the emphasis is strongly on concentrated rhythms, brooding harmonies and subtle dynamics. There's a constant sense of powerful undercurrents to all the music, with sparse improvising, a strong pulse and a brooding atmosphere. Strong, but subtle. Vallon is credited with all the compositions, except Patrice's Moret's piece 'Juuichi' (which opens the album), while 'Styx' and 'Corolis' are improvisations credited to the whole trio. An absorbing release.

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