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Dave East review draft

Dave East, Harlem rapper that rose up from the gutters to become a successful artist signed by mad himself. The Harlem owned rapper, dynamic and exceptional at story telling in his music. Unafraid to write about his life or drugs, crime even about going to jail at a young age. Though a clear influence of his environment, East is all about the hustle and grind, all being depicted in his music. With songs like "found a way" " I don't understand it" "prosper" and "levelin up" you hear the clear messages that when push comes to shove hw will overcome the obstacles and become someone to remember. With lyrics saying " it was so hard to get what I wanted, I found a way" the struggle and relief of making it out can be felt, combined with a solid and medium paced beat and East ability to tell a story brought the entire song together to create a masterpiece. Though he may sound like your typical rapper, look like your typical rapper and have a typical rapper name to say Dave East is a typical and average rapper is surely a mistake. An artist of such a caliber isn't discovered everyday, everything about him is left in the music, with skills on par with those of Nas, Jay Z, Kendrick Lamar, and more it a no wonder Nas wanted to sign him to his label. The metaphors within his music keeps listeners on their toes wondering what else is in his bag of tricks. Though some metaphors are pretty basic it doesn't lessen the punchline at all such as when he said " I don't drink soda but im so familiar with coke deals" a similar bar used by many rappers yet the delivery brings it out so much not only that but digging deeper East doesn't drink soda in real life making this bar so mind blowing. The story telling genius, with no filter in most of his music able to talk about drugs, sex and even crime,

even when he was expelled from college for being in possession of a firearm, and about the time he was robbed after a drunken one night stand going into fine detail on his song "Keisha" Constantly working on his flow and delivery easy collabs with some big names in music such as Fabolous, and Chris brown two of entertainments hard hitters, to be able to have them on a feature says he's really evolving as a rapper.