

= Stone Sour (album) =

Stone Sour is the debut studio album by American heavy metal band Stone Sour . It was recorded and produced by the band and Tom Tatman at Catamount Studios in Cedar Falls , Iowa , and was released on August 27 , 2002 , through Roadrunner Records . Writing for the album began in 2000 while vocalist Corey Taylor and guitarist Jim Root were still actively involved in their other band , Slipknot . Work began on the album after Slipknot had gone on hiatus following touring in support of their second album Iowa .

Following the release of the album , Stone Sour went on to promote it for almost a year ; releasing three singles and touring in several regions , including the United States and several countries in Europe . The album received generally positive reviews . It was praised for showing a diversity in Taylor 's vocals , which was not presented in Slipknot 's early albums . It was also certified Gold in the United States and two singles from the album received Grammy Award nominations for Best Metal Performance in consecutive years .

= = Development = =

In 2000 , Josh Rand contacted Corey Taylor after Taylor had returned from touring in Japan with his other band Slipknot about material he had been working on . Speaking about the experience , Taylor said , " we just started writing stuff and it started to happen " . The duo wrote 14 songs and began working in a studio on some demos . Taylor added that it got to a point where he said to Rand , " I think we 're going to have to put a real band together , because this is just too serious ! " After further enlisting the help of Joel Ekman and previous Stone Sour members Shawn Economaki and Jim Root , the band began working on the album at Catamount Studios in Cedar Falls , Iowa . Before the release of the album , the band went through several different names , most notably Superego , before later announcing that they would use their original name Stone Sour .

= = Marketing = =

Prior to the release of the album , the track " Bother " was featured on the soundtrack for the film Spider @-@ Man ; however , it was only credited to Corey Taylor . In support of the album , Stone Sour released two singles in quick succession ; " Get Inside " was the band 's first music video and it included live footage . Released shortly after , " Bother " also featured a music video .

Throughout October and November 2002 , Stone Sour toured the United States in support of the album with Chevelle and Sinch . In 2003 , the band continued to tour in support of the album ; including a European tour with Saliva , an American tour with Powerman 5000 , several appearances at European festivals , a UK tour with Murderdolls , amongst others .

The third single from the album , " Inhale , " was released in early 2003 , shortly after the previously unreleased track " Inside the Cynic " was featured on the soundtrack for Freddy vs. Jason . On October 21 , 2003 , a special edition version of Stone Sour was released which included " Inside the Cynic " , four additional unreleased tracks , a DVD which featured all three music videos and alternative cover artwork .

= = Musical style = =

Corey Taylor touted Stone Sour as " melodic hard rock with content and initiative . " Jason D. Taylor of Allmusic noted that although it is not displayed on early Slipknot releases , " [Corey] Taylor has the ability to actually sing , " citing Alice in Chains and Soundgarden as influences . Jason Taylor went on to state the album gets better after multiple listens . Jeff Modzelewski of 411mania wrote the album mixed " hostility , reservation , brutality and melody . " According to Modzelewski , the album has a " mainstream sound " with each of the band 's members standing out during one song or another . Don Kaye of Blabbermouth.net felt the message of " Bother " did not differ from Slipknot tracks , but was " presented in an utterly different musical vein " . Kaye also felt the album " holds its

own ... in terms of heaviness and power . " " The band knows how to put together an energetic rocker , " wrote NY Rock ; elements such as the " melodic twist to the songs ... will please hardcore and metal fans . "

= = Critical reception = =

Stone Sour received generally positive reviews . Most reviewers offered some comparison to that of vocalist Taylor and guitarist Root 's other band Slipknot . While reviewing the album , Don Kaye wrote that " it 's rare that a musician offers up another venue for their talents that proves to be equal to their fulltime outfit , " stating that Stone Sour is one such case . While Rowan Shaeffer of Counterculture states that " Get Inside " is " the closest to Slipknot that Stone Sour get , " even comparing it to the Slipknot single " Left Behind " . Citing " the chugging rhythm , manic kick @-@ drums and shout @-@ along vocals " as specific elements that are reminiscent of Slipknot , adding that it was " an obvious choice for a single " as it would not alienate their potential audience of Slipknot fans . Jason D. Taylor noted the similarity in lyrical content to that of Slipknot 's ; however , he stated that vocalist Taylor comes across as less infuriated which " allows the songs themselves to settle smoothly , yet motivate the listener to feel the emotion " . NY Rock stated that the album has a " more balanced feel to it " than that of Slipknot 's most recent release at that time , Iowa .

Reviewers also noted upon the album 's versatility , specifically that of Taylor 's vocal range and abilities . Jeff Modzelewski praised the opening track " Get Inside " explaining , " the scorching speed @-@ metal verse and screaming chorus are played off pretty well against the melodic pre @-@ chorus " . Jason D. Taylor cited " Orchids " and " Take a Number " as songs which stand out because they " strike with surprising force for an alternative rock group " . On a similar note , Don Kaye said the album includes some " sinister , groove @-@ oriented metal gems that refreshingly stay away from nu metal cliches " . The most melodic track on the album , " Bother " , received specific attention from most reviewers . Modzelewski said that the track " seems to be the song that the album has been preparing everyone for " , further adding that Taylor proves " that he is a legitimate vocalist who doesn 't need to rely on destroying his vocal chords to make a good song " . In his review , Rowan Shaeffer stated the track was a specific highlight , but said that the change in style was " at odds with the rest of the material " on the album .

In 2003 , Stone Sour 's first single from the album , " Get Inside " , was nominated for the Best Metal performance at the 45th Grammy Awards . On March 20 , 2003 , Stone Sour was certified Gold in the United States . The following year , the album 's third single , " Inhale " , was also nominated for Best Metal Performance at the 46th Grammy Awards .

= = Track listing = =

All lyrics written by Corey Taylor , all music composed and performed by Stone Sour .

= = Personnel = =

= = Chart positions = =