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- 01 Can U Find A Way [00:04:07]
- 02 Mojo [00:03:13]
- 03 Fish Out Of Water [00:03:28]
- 04 Give Something Away [00:03:07]
- 05 The Devil Called Me A Liar [00:04:09]
- 06 Joke On Me [00:03:11]
- 07 Breakout [00:04:26]
- 08 Working Hard [00:02:32]
- 09 The Bottle [00:03:58]
- 10 Get What You Want [00:03:10]
- 11 Port Campbell [00:05:36]
- 12 Shake [00:04:07]

On the second song of his new album Grunwald screams, "I want it back, give me back my mojo". Well there's no doubt he has got it back - in spades. You can count the number of artists who have combined traditional blues with modern day electronics on one hand. R.L.Burnside, Moby and more recently the Black Keys did it really well. Kid Rock - not so good. The latest marriage is Ash Grunwald with TZU hip-hop DJCountbounce. Grunwald has flirted with the mix before, and he hinted at something really funky on his cover of Tom Waits' Goin' Out West a few years ago. But generally speaking, his music seemed a little meek and old-fashioned for a hulking, handsome guy in his late 20s. But now he comes on like Howlin' Wolf meets Beck, or an Australian version of soul-beats duo Gnarlz Barkley. On Get What You Want he even reaches Curtis Mayfield-esque falsetto. And his traditional blues numbers have an Australian flavour - he sings about a surfing road trip on the soft acoustic blues number Port Campbell. This modern-day bluesman has managed to sound utterly contemporary while keeping his roots in the Mississippi. ---Patrick Donovan, theage.com.au

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