rney prove equally adept at a more traditional retro soul sound and throw some Flaming Lips-style psychedelia into the mix, managing to take these influences somewhere worthwhile rather than sounding derivative. CH

BUDDY GUY

Live At Legends ★★★★☆ (Silvertone/RCA) At 76, this blues giant shows absolutely no sign of slowing down. His most recent studio album, Living Proof, was a belter: chock-full of great, pithy tunes laced with wickedness and good humour. This record, the last recordings he made at his now defunct Legends blues club in Chicago, is a more chaotic, at times rather muddy-sounding affair but, hey, that's what live albums should sound like. Guy's guitar still cuts through like a laser, particularly on Mannish Boy and a cover of Cream's Strange Brew, and his voice is fabulous throughout. Judging by the hysteria of the audience, the sweat must have been running off the walls. MT

JULIAN SAS

Bound To Roll ***☆☆

(Cavalier Recordings)
No holds barred Dutch rock
guitarist Sas leaves no rock'n'roll
cliché unturned here. When
Spinal Tap came on the telly, he
must have been watching another
channel. Booze, drugs, getting
thrown into jail (on the wonderful
Humble Pie cover 30 Days In The
Hole) and similar adventures
abound. But he does play guitar,
in Chuck Berry's immortal
phrase, "like ringing a bell", a
clear, sweet and chunky sound
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