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JADEN ROSE Series 2

12-fret parlour guitar

PRICE: £899
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As big fans of homegrown talent we were very pleased to see such an impressive release from Cambridge-based luthier Jaden Rose. The Series 2, apart from having a completely boring name, was absolutely fabulous in pretty much all areas. The elegant, twin cutaway, African Sapele body looked classy finished in a walnut livery and the gentle scent of wood only reinforced the hand-made appeal. Canadian rock maple was the wood of choice for the neck, carved into a slim D profile and married to a 17" radius rosewood fretboard which resulted in an extremely fast, comfortable, and enjoyably playable experience. The real skill in the craftsmanship was making the guitar almost effortless to use but never divorcing it from the resistive feel that you need in a great instrument to enable you to truly express yourself. Fine work indeed.

Two Jaden Rose designed humbuckers nestled neatly in the body and proved an excellent engine for the superior chassis. There was plenty of sprightly zip on clean tones, nasty and spiteful bite in the mid-range blues/rock territory (just how we like them), and gnarly brutish chug to the low end when the gain went up. Solo tones were equally impressive and the guitar became a very hard one to put down. Bags of quality at a realistic price. Top class!

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