

## Album Review by Laura Weitzmann



The album "V" is the fifth album of the US-American Pop band <u>MAROON5</u> and it was released in August, 29 2014. It has 11 titles and it is 40:10 minutes long. The album is released through the label <u>Interscorp</u> and the album saw also the return of keyboards, synthesizers, piano, rhythm guitar, backing vocals Jesse Carmichael after he was absence from, recording, touring, and promoting Overexposed (2012). He wasn't joining the band for two years. The album "V" reached #1 at the Canadian Billboard, #4 at UK Albums, and #6 at German Official Top 100. They sold 164,000 copies in the first week in the USA. "Maps", "Animals", and "Sugar" are three songs from the album that were also produced and they reached #6, #3, and #2 at the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. There are also two

songs which they sang with two other singers. The first was "Moves like Jagger" with *Christina Aguilera*, and the second song was "My Heart is Open" with *Gwen Stefanie*.

When you take a look at the album cover you'll see a picture of red neon lighted cross tube in a shape like a V. It is the number of the Roman numeral for five, the title of the album. The picture was taken by the photographer Lee Jung in the Gyeonggi Province in South Korea. Between the "V" you can see the band's name on a mountain and it was supposed to look like the Hollywood sign.

The voice of lead singer Adam Levine is distinctive and so is his voice. Also like the songs from Maroon V. You listen to "Sugar" or "Maps" and you know in less than a second that this is Adam with his boys.



Adam Noah Levine was born in Los Angeles on March 18, 1979. He grew up in a very musically family and he attributes his mothers idols. One of them are The Beatles. Adam once said: "Everything that's written and performed and put together pretty much comes from us. I just think people would be surprised to know that we're a self-contained unit. We're a band that does their own thing. There's no puppet master." That's a pretty expressively in my opinion.

The song "Sugar" is one of my personal favourites from the album and I just want to show you why. In the music video, the band crashes weddings and plays as a surprise wedding band. Just to come up with an idea like that is pretty awesome. The brides and the other people had no clue what was going on when man came in and begun to build the stage. The groom didn't know that the surprise wedding band was Maroon 5 and they met the producer a second time because they were afraid of the reaction of their brides they wanted to cancel it but the producer told them the band was Maroon 5 which wanted to perform a new song and they said "she just can't be angry at me for that." Also the lyrics kind of touched me. Especially because when I listen to the song I think about me and my boyfriend because he is in Germany now and the line "Don't let anybody touch it

Unless that somebody's me" is exactly what we both think.

I'm hurting, baby, I'm broken down I need your loving, loving I need it now When I'm without you I'm something weak You got me begging, begging I'm on my knees

Yeah

I want that red velvet
I want that sugar sweet
Don't let anybody touch it
Unless that somebody's me
I gotta be your man

There ain't no other way

'Cause girl you're hotter than a southern California day

Another thing I want to me mention is that the band have some charities. Maroon 5 is a longtime supporter of Aid Still Required (ASR). I.e. They supported the victims of the southeast Asian tsunami in 2004. Levine has also donated a meet and greet on the set of The Voice to raise funds for various ASR programs. They support the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation and they donated their North American tour income to a global environment organization, called "Global Cool" in 2005. What I think is really impressive. I mean what band would donate all the money they earned on a tour.

All in one Maroon 5 is just an awesome and good band. And I am pretty sure that these band or just one of its members is an idol for someone out there.