



## Jesse Wilde – Background

**Jesse Wilde** was born in Auckland, New Zealand and raised on the music of the Stones, the Beatles, Paul Simon, Bob Seger, and Fleetwood Mac – to name a few in his parents' record collection.

From a young age Jesse honed his skills, creating his unique sound – a blend of his international influences merged with his own alternative country rock flavour.

Jesse's first major band was the Auckland folk, rock & blues combo, **Acoustic Attitude** who played a successful mix of popular covers and original songs and gained a healthy following.

After Acoustic Attitude, Jesse went solo and recorded various singles plus his first solo album entitled, **Jesse Wilde – I'm Still Looking**.

Jesse has toured extensively overseas including UK, Europe and North America on a "Rock Pilgrimage" of his musical influences. Along the way he met John "Cougar" Mellencamp, Bob Seger and Steve Earle. One of Jesse's songs was also selected by the Don Williams Music Publishing Group at the Los Angeles Songwriters Showcase.

Upon returning from the US, Jesse based himself in Auckland and formed his new band **Fiesta Drive** (now known as **The Drive**). Together they have recorded two live DVDs, two live CDs and a studio album and have played a large number of gigs around the country.

Jesse spent another six months in the USA in 2005 writing and performing in LA, Texas, New York, Chicago and Nashville.

Whilst there he co-wrote the song '**Ghost Town Road**' with **Rick Beresford** who has a gold record for a song he wrote for **George Jones** titled '**If Drinking Doesn't Kill Me Her Memory Will.**'

Jesse Wilde and The Drive released their new E.P. **Ghost Town Road** on April 29th 2016, receiving warm praise.

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## Jesse Wilde - Ghost Town Road

**A rock pilgrimage to the USA inspired the 6 songs on Wilde's latest E.P. *Ghost Town Road* - out April 29th 2016.**

**Jesse Wilde and The Drive** are pleased to announce the release of their debut e.p., an homage of sorts to the faded allure of Route 66 and to Wilde's American musical influences.

The result is a collection of beautifully crafted Americana pop rock songs conjuring the likes of Mellencamp, Seger and Earle. Lead title single '**Ghost Town Road**' co-written with the legendary **Rick Beresford** propels us with warm, hearty production, passion and nostalgia and builds to a crescendo:

*I can feel the dust bowl pilgrims chasing dreams paved with gold  
All us ghosts that refuse to die, spirit of the rebel's pride  
Out here man it's still alive on Ghost Town Road*

'**Juliet's Fallen**', is a love song for Wilde's wife based on the romantic tragedy of Romeo & Juliet and begins with a Bob Seger style piano riff building into a careening rock track reminiscent of early Springsteen.

"I've usually produced my own music," says **Wilde**, "so this is the first time I have hired a real producer and I'm really happy I did."

Known for his work on Jamie McDell's debut and Autozamn recordings, **Stephen Small** produced the E.P. with **Tom Healy** on engineering duties, all taking place in Wilde's home studios **Wilde Records** in Half Moon Bay.

**Wilde's** band **The Drive** is comprised of talented musicians **Henrik Rylev** (drums), **Mark Collier** (electric guitar) and **Aaron Watkins** (bass).

**Ghost Town Road** is available for purchase via iTunes and all good digital service providers with physical copies available from Wilde's [website](#) and from live shows.

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## **Radio NZ Afternoons Live with Jesse Mulligan**

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/nzlive/audio/201798891/new-zealand-live-jesse-wilde-and-the-drive>

## **13th Floor website album review**

<https://13thfloor.co.nz/2016/05/16/jesse-wilde-the-drive-ghost-town-road-ep-review>

## **Music Nation website feature**

<http://musicnation.co.nz/jesse-wilde-the-drive-ghost-town-road>

## **Muzic.net website album review**

<http://www.muzic.net.nz/articles/reviews/63728/jesse-wilde-the-drive-ep-review-ghost-town-road>

## **Times Live article**

<http://www.times.co.nz/arts-news/wilde-about-music.html>



