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## Chris Watson

### *Cima Verde*

LOL Productions CD

A rare non-Touch outing for Watson, *Cima Verde* documents a 2008 residency in the mountainous Monte Bondone region, near Lake Garda in north east Italy. Its recordings, all made at different altitudes, juxtapose the sounds of moving air and local wildlife: mountaintop recordings chronicling water vapour and ice particles in motion mingle with more bucolic representations of peaceful forest ambiances, birds twittering happily. As ever, Watson subtly tweaks the focus of the recordings, discreetly amplifying and masking sound events as a means of conveying narratives. The fidelity of the recording is as superb as you'd expect, at once celebrating the natural environment by highlighting its sonic richness, and rendering it almost alien by amplifying its smaller details. □