



PRE/POWER COMBINATION OF THE YEAR  
Gryphon Essence



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While the new Essence range of preamplifier, stereo power amp and mono power amps would represent a pinnacle of performance, build and product design for many brands, in Gryphon Audio’s world, Essence is very much a point of entry. Despite being Gryphon’s nursery slopes, the preamplifier and stereo power amp proved to be well capable of Olympian levels of performance.

Both pre and power are Class A designs, with the 50W Class A power amplifier also offering switchable high-bias Class A and Class AB operation. The preamplifier can include optional phono stage and DAC modules. The build quality extends to the all-important remote handset.

*Hi-Fi+* Editor Alan Sircom was extremely impressed by the Essence amplifiers. “From the first note played on the first track you hear,” he said, “there’s a sense of rightness and authority that pulls you in.” He summed the Essence up by saying, “in the Gryphon Audio Design Essence preamp and power amplifier, I found my own path.” +

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