

VAC's Kevin Hayes and the new Signature 200 iQ Power Amplifier

VAC Signature 200 iQ Power Amplifier (\$14,000) & VAC Master Preamplifier Mk II

VAC iQ amplifiers are innately intelligent, at least to the point of holding the idle current of each power tube fixed regardless of how softly or loudly the music is playing. The payoff is far less distortion under dynamic drive conditions. The new VAC Signature 200 iQ offers this technology at a much more affordable price point. Power delivery is 100Wpc in stereo and 200 watts in mono mode. The new VAC Master Preamplifier Mk II features a new power supply with four power transformers and captures the essential parts and circuitry of the \$156,000 Statement preamp (\$41K with phono; \$27K without). Four Signature 200 iQ amps operating in mono mode did a terrific job driving the Focal Grande Utopia EM loudspeakers. Sources were the TransRotor Orionwith SME 'arm and Air Tight PC1 Supreme cartridge, and Accuphase 720 SACD player.

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