

SERVER OF THE YEAR

Innuos ZENmini Mk3 | Reviewed in Issue 177



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nnuos' range of ZEN music servers each have their specific niche, that perfectly suits significant parts of the audio enthusiast market. The ZENmini Mk 3 is the most flexible Innuos product to date. The ZENmini Mk 3 might be used in a networked system with one user, into an older DAC with only coaxial S/PDIF connections, into a music system that only has a TOSlink optical input, as a USB music server, a Roon server, or to replace a CD player in a system with an amplifier that only has line-level RCA inputs.

Whether used as a solo half-sized box or, ideally, with the optional LPSU linear power supply, the ZENmini runs entirely under its own steam. Ripping a disc generally involves little more than putting a disc in the slot, waiting a few minutes, and taking it out again. Sonically, we found the ZENmini Mk3 varies according to output. It's routinely excellent through USB and Ethernet, very good through optical and coaxial S/PDIF connections, and pretty decent through its phono outputs. Which makes the ZENmini Mk3 perfect for serious music serving without high prices.