

## Musical Fidelity Nu-Vista 800



Fifteen years after launching the Nu-Vista preamplifier, Musical Fidelity surprises us with a high-end integrated amplifier using nuvistor valves: the 300W Nu-Vista 800  
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Ist sound is hege, room-filling...grand rather than grandiose...persuasive rather than commanding.  
If I were allowed to use ‚mega-amps‘ what Ornellaia is to Amarone.  
Too obscure?  
Then let's just say I'm at a loss for words.

Regardless of the (artistic) quality of the material, the '800 presents it with an almost schizophrenic balance: precisely what the nuvistor promises. Yes, I must return to the cliché about the nuvistor being the true bridge between the virtues of tubes and trannies, but this will be evident to anyone who can enjoy a decent demonstration. (It should include all-tube, all-solid-state and hybrid tube/transistor rivals, in order for this virtue to manifest itself without a shade of uncertainty.)

### HI-FI NEWS VERDICT

Those who were lucky enough to savour original Nu-Vista models will know what's in store: the speed and punch of solid-state, with the 'love' you only get from valves. This is a stupendously powerful integrated in a relatively compact chassis. Its behaviour is impeccable. It suffers nothing – lightshow aside – superfluous. It is capable of both delicacy and machismo. And 16 years from now, we'll remember it!

Sound Quality: 88%

