Stoner rock

Stoner rock is a fusion genre that combines elements of heavy metal and/or doom metal with psychedelic rock. Stoner rock is typically slow-to-mid tempo and features a heavily distorted, groove-laden bass-heavy sound, melodic vocals, and "retro" production. The genre emerged during the early 1990s and was pioneered foremost by Monster Magnet and the California bands Fu Manchu, Kyuss, and Sleep. Due to the similarities between stoner rock and sludge metal, there is often a crossover between the two genres. This hybrid has traits of both styles, but generally lacks stoner rock's laid-back atmosphere and its usage of psychedelia. In 2000, Queens of the Stone Age released their breakthrough album *Rated R*, which helped bring the stoner rock sound into the mainstream, despite the band themselves rejecting both the genre and their being labelled as such.