Super Cool is the second volume in our California Soul series and features music recorded between 1966 and 1982. Spanning eclectic genres from Soul Jazz, Blues, Heavy Funk, Modern Soul, Northern Soul, and Disco, there’s even a ballad (previously unavailable on CD) from Luv N’Haight favorite Darondo.

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