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SCRIABIN
10 Piano Sonatas
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Scriabin's corpus of piano sonatas on two CDs affords a richly sonorous journey into the heart of a mystery, or *Mysterium*, to name the synaesthetic, pre-Stockhausenish "total work of art" to which the later sonatas lend their part but which he didn't live to finalise. They are all performed here with manifest devotion, the first disc climaxing on the most compelling, No 5, its single-movement form setting the pattern for the next, ever more dazzlingly rapturous five.