" Crystal " delivered another stunning blow to the viewer rumor mill by turning the argument as to whether Faye or Melissa was John Blackwell's missing daughter on its head. Well done, *The Secret Circle*
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Before we get to the big reveal, let's chat about the rest of the episode, because much like it's sister show,
The Vampire Diaries
, pulling punches isn't in the game plan.

Welcome Grandpa Royce
John DeLancie finally joined the cast as Jake's grandfather and in one five minute speech we learned more about the witches' history than we have all season. His eloquence in telling the tale was mesmerizing. It was told so quickly and with such assurance I had to replay it three times to take it all in. It was fascinating to learn about the witches running from Salem, forming three circles and John's desire to turn a circle dark from within by stacking the deck with his own children. Rather genius, and Royce the perfect character to tell the tale.

The added benefit Grandpa Royce brought to the table was emotion from his grandson. Not since his arrival was Jake phased by much, but a hug and condolences from his grandfather and in his eyes could finally be seen some of his soul. I've been waiting for the melting of his tough exterior. Perhaps seeing family again will speed up the process.

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