



CLASSE TOUS RISQUES

A film by Claude Sautet Starring Lino Ventura, Sandra Milo and Jean-Paul Belmondo

Brilliantly suspenseful and surprisingly moving, Classe tous risques is a devastating study of loyalty and betrayal, distinguished by a bleak, incisive psychological realism. Previously unseen in the UK, it was released in cinemas by the BFI last September and now comes to DVD and Blu-ray in a Dual Format Edition on 24 February 2014. Special features include a documentary on the life and career of the great Italian-born character actor Lino Ventura.

French gangland boss Abel Davos (Lino Ventura) has been on the run in Italy for a decade in order to escape a death sentence. But when police finally close in, he turns to his old criminal friends to help him and his young family return to Paris. With loyalty in short supply, it takes an insouciant stranger (coolly played by Jean Paul Belmondo in the same year as his breakthrough performance in A Bout de souffle), to come to the rescue.

The directorial debut of the influential Claude Sautet (Un Coeur en hiver, Nelly & Monsieur Arnaud), and based on the novel by death-row-inmate-turned-writer José Giovanni (Le Trou, Le Deuxième souffle), Classe tous risques features a stand-out performance from Ventura as a bad man trying to do right by his children.

Special features

- Presented in both High Definition and Standard Definition
- Brand new restoration
- Monsieur Ventura (Doug Headline, 1996/2014): documentary on the life and career of Lino Ventura
- Original French and US trailers
- Illustrated booklet with newly commissioned essay by the *Guardian*'s John Patterson

Product details

RRP: £19.99 / cat. no. BFIB1185 / Cert 12

France and Italy / 1960 / black and white / French, with optional English subtitles / 108 mins / Original aspect ratio 1.66:1 (pillarboxed 16:9 presentation)

Disc 1: BD50 / 1080p / PCM dual mono audio (48k/24-bit) Disc 2: DVD9 / PAL / Dolby Digital mono audio (320 kbps)

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