



## The Wages of Fear

A film by Henri-Georges Clouzot

Dual Format Edition (Blu-ray/DVD) release  
on 23 October 2017

"A masterpiece of suspense"  
Christopher Nolan

Based on the 1950 French novel *Le Salaire de la peur*, *The Wages of Fear* was critically hailed upon its original release, propelling its director Henri-Georges Clouzot (*Les Diaboliques*) to international fame, and is rightly considered a classic of world cinema. Now newly restored in 4K, it will be released by the BFI in a Dual Format Edition on 23 October, packed with special features, as part of BFI THRILLER: Who Can You Trust?

In a squalid South American village, four desperate men are hired by a US oil company to embark on a treacherous journey, transporting a volatile cargo of nitro-glycerine to a massive oil well fire. Friendships and courage are pushed to the limit in this nail-biting thriller by a director would go on to be dubbed the 'French Hitchcock'.

The Blu-ray/DVD release of *The Wages of Fear* will be launched with a screening at BFI Southbank on **Saturday 21 October at 8.10pm** (NFT1), part of BFI THRILLER: Who Can You Trust? a suspense-filled season of thrillers with classic film and TV screenings at BFI Southbank (Friday 20 October – Sunday 10 December), preview events, film re-releases (including Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* and Jonathan Demme's *The Silence of the Lambs*), a UK-wide touring programme and more.

### Special features

- A new 4K restoration of the original French theatrical release, this is the longest version of the film (152 mins) to be released in the UK. Presented here in High Definition and Standard Definition.
- *Interview with Assistant Director Michel Romanoff* (2005, 23 mins)
- *Interview with Clouzot biographer Marc Godin* (2005, 10 mins)
- *Interview with Professor Lucy Mazdon* (2017, 35 mins): an in-depth interview about Henri-Georges Clouzot and *The Wages of Fear*
- Audio commentary with film critic Adrian Martin
- *The Guardian Lecture: Yves Montand in conversation with Don Allen* (99 mins, audio only): recorded in 1989, the star discusses his distinguished career
- Original theatrical trailer
- Illustrated booklet with a new essay by Andy Miller, original reviews by Karel Reisz and Penelope Houston, an appreciation of Clouzot by Paul Ryan, and full film credits

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**Product details**

**RRP: £19.99/ Cat. no. BFIB1226/ Cert 12**

France / 1953 / black and white / 152 mins / French with English subtitles / original aspect ratio 1.37:1 // BD50: 1080p, 24fps, PCM 1.0 mono (48kHz/24-bit) / DVD9: PAL, 25fps, Dolby Digital 1.0 mono (192kbps)

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