



## Handsome Serge

**Le beau Serge**

France/1958/35mm/B&W/98'/French

**Direction, Producer:** Claude Chabrol

**Screenplay:** Claude Chabrol

**Cinematography:** Henri Decae, Jean Rabier

**Editing:** Jacques Gaillard

**Sound:** Jean-Claude Marchetti

**Cast:** Gerald Blain, Jean-Claude Brialy, Bernadette Lafont ,  
Edmond Beauchamp, Michele Meritz

### **Awards/Festivals**

Locarno International Film Festival, Silver Sail, Best Director,  
1958, Cannes Film Festival, 1958

A deeply personal portrait of the tensions inherent in “returning home” after spending years away. Francois, a young student, returns to his native village to convalesce from an illness, only to find Serge, his childhood friend and hero, has become a hopeless drunk. Francois attempts to reclaim him at the cost of his own health. Descended in to drink after the stillborn death of his retarded son, Serge refuses to sober up and live responsibly even after knowing that his loyal wife is pregnant again. Meanwhile, Francois once again gets in to trouble as he intervenes to help out Mary, who is raped by her stepfather.