



GOD'S OWN COUNTRY

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Release: 2017

Cert (UK): 15

Country: UK

Language: English

Runtime: 1 hour 44 mins

Director: Francis Lee

Writer: Francis Lee

Cinematographer: Joshua James Richards

Cast: Josh O'Connor, Alec Secareanu, Gemma Jones, Ian Hart



'This debut feature from Yorkshire-born actor and first-time director Francis Lee is tough, sensual and unsentimental, with excellent lead performances from Josh O'Connor and Alec Secareanu. Johnny (O'Connor) is the unhappy, angry young guy working on the family farm, dulling his emotional pain with drink and casual sex; Gheorghe (Secareanu) is a hired hand from Romania brought in for a few weeks. They give tremendous

performances – and Gemma Jones and Ian Hart are both very good in the supporting roles as Johnny's grandmother and father, stoic and tightlipped by temperament and repressed by years of work and responsibility, and in his father's case by the aftermath of a stroke' – Peter Bradshaw, Guardian.

Many critics found it impossible not to compare this to Ang Lee's *'Brokeback Mountain'*, with Johnny's casual, angry gay affairs changing with the arrival of Gheorghe.

The film garners great reviews from most critics (scoring 99% on Rotten Tomatoes), especially for the acting of the two leads (Bradshaw goes on to say *'It is a film which lives and dies by the performances which Lee gets from his cast, and these are excellent: sharp, intelligent and emotionally generous'*).

Director Francis Lee also gets high acclaim; this is his first feature film although he has been around the film world for many years as an actor.

