



CHARCOAL (Carvao)

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Spring
Season
2023

Release: 2022

Cert: NA

Country: Argentina & Brazil

Language: Portuguese & Spanish

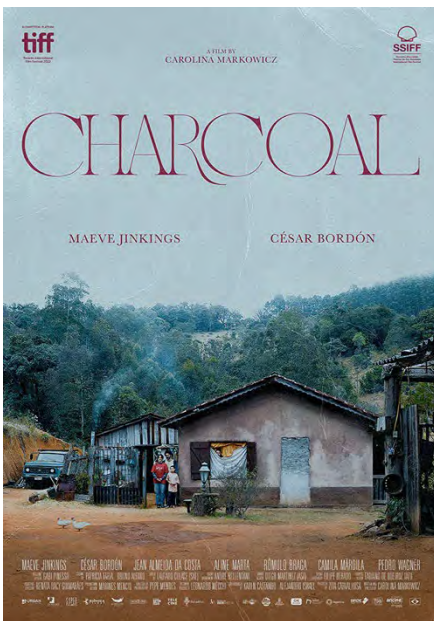
Runtime: 1 hour 47 mins

Directed by: Carolina Markowicz

Written by: Carolina Markowicz

Cinematography: Pepe Mendes

Cast: César Bordón, Rômulo Braga, Jean de Almeida Costa



You are very poor and desperate for more money. Your father is very ill – dying - and there is nothing you can do to help his suffering. A gangster on the run comes along and offers you money to hide in your isolated house for some time, but the deal is that he replaces your father... what would you do? This might have made a great story just like that, but director/writer Carolina Markowicz has gone one further by adding humour.

'The stereotypes of sophisticated drug kingpin and naïve rural dwellers are turned on their heads in Carolina Markowicz's lively deadpan comedy, which screened as part of the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival. Rather than playing it as a straight culture clash, Markowicz introduces farcical elements as it emerges that country life is anything but simple, explores the clash of masculine egos between the privileged mobster and Irene's much more temperamental, frequently inebriated husband Jairo, and observes Miguel's gradual disintegration as the waiting game becomes more Kafkaesque' – Jennie Kermode, Eye for Film.