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Lupe Under the Sun

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**Lupe Under The Sun**

A portrait of migrant farmworkers grappling with the faultlines of the American Dream

*Lupe Under the Sun* is a neorealist film following an aging migrant worker living in California, who longs to return to Mexico before it is too late. Featuring a cast of nonprofessional actors, real farmworkers and authentic locations, *Lupe Under the Sun* tackles issues of depression, homesickness and the immigrant myth of the American Dream.

Long estranged from his family in Michoacán, migrant laborer Lupe finds relief from the backbreaking work of harvesting peaches in California’s Central Valley through camaraderie and a quiet love affair with fellow immigrant Gloria. Soon the stability of his daily routine begins to crack under the weight of a life scarred with regret and missed opportunities. Filmed in a classic neorealist style, director Rodrigo Reyes’s deeply moving debut fiction feature, inspired by the life of his own grandfather, is at once an intimately drawn meditation on life’s missed chances and a tale of the universal struggles of immigrants. Winner of Film Independent’s Canon Filmmaker Award, Reyes’s unforgettable film heralds the arrival of an important new voice in American cinema.

**Director:** Rodrigo Reyes | **Producer:** Su Kim

**Runtime:** 78 Minutes

**Format(s):** DVD

**Screening License:** $549 - please contact us if there is no budget for screening license

Trailer available here: gooddodcs.net/lupe