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Sophie Ribbing, Portrait Of An Italian Girl Holding A Basket Of Grapes - Antique Oil Painting

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Item Reference: SA1090731

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 116 cm (45.7")

Width = 93 cm (36.6")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

This exquisite mid-19th-century oil painting by Swedish artist Sophie Ribbing (1835-1894) depicts an Italian girl holding a basket of grapes while standing before a landscape. Ribbing was an academy-trained painter of genre scenes and portraits. With the hint of an enigmatic Mona Lisa smile, she looks out through heavy-lidded cobalt eyes, which shimmer like lost silver in the Roman Campagna. It's a masterpiece in every sense of the word. Personal, sensitive, honest, and rendered with an advanced understanding of chiaroscuro, gained after decades of study. Rest upon the fruit, it's a still life in itself. Ribbing was a free spirit and spent her career travelling extensively between European cities. Born into an aristocratic family, she was raised in a manor house on the Bråneryd estate near Jönköping. Her father, Arvid, was a local governor and her mother Karolina Augusta, was also of nobility. As such, she had access to a fine painting collection from an early age, which would've assisted her drawing skills and influenced her tastes. She trained with some of the finest in Europe, commencing her studies in Stockholm before enrolling at the prestigious Düsseldorf Academy...

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