

SA1121481

William Broome, Fishing Boats In A Strong Breeze Off Dover - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1121481****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 136 cm (53.5")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

This fine late-19th-century oil painting by British artist William Broome (1839-1894) depicts a French fishing boat buffeted by waves off the coast at Dover, Kent. Broome was an accomplished maritime painter who worked predominantly in the south east of England. Thrust by the irrepressible force of the English Channel, the vessel's bow rises and crashes through the spray. It's a dramatic scene of seafaring theatre set under a rapidly evolving melancholy sky. Beyond, the iconic white cliffs provide a picturesque backdrop with the medieval form of Dover Castle visible at the summit. Born in London, Broome turned to art later in life as his early years were spent working as a clerk. It's conceivable that he was destined to follow in the footsteps of his father, an accountant. But, perhaps following his marriage in 1863, he decided to pursue art as a full-time endeavour, hitting the ground running with a high degree of finesse. From his home in, first Somers Town and then Holborn, access to the Kent harbours was relatively straightforward thanks to the flourishing Victorian railway. He was particularly taken by turbulent views off Ramsgate coast, returning so frequently th...

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