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Edward Ladell, Still Life With Fruit, Wicker Basket & Bird's Nest - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 6,500

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Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This fine mid-19th-century oil painting by English artist Edward Ladell (1821-1886) depicts a delicate still life with fruit, wicker basket, leaves, bird's nest and egg. Ladell was regarded by many contemporaries as the finest still life painter of Victorian Britain, and this exquisite arrangement demonstrates precisely why. At first glance, the painting celebrates abundance. Clusters of translucent white grapes spill across the marble ledge beside ripe peaches, pears and plums, while a wicker basket overflows with fruit beneath broad vine leaves touched by the first signs of autumn. Every surface has been observed with extraordinary care. The bloom upon the grapes, the velvety skin of the peaches and the delicate weave of the basket are rendered so convincingly that they appear as if one could reach into the canvas. Yet Ladell rarely painted beauty for beauty's sake. As the eye wanders across the composition, subtle contrasts begin to emerge. Beside the ripest fruit rests a small bird's nest containing fragile eggs, while another egg lies quietly upon the marble ledge, as though recently fallen or gently placed there. Nearby, two blush roses bloom in perfect freshness,...

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