



Robert Dessales-quentin (1885-1958) Saint Felix De Mareuil Bourdeilles Dordogne Périgord



240 EUR

Signature : Robert Dessales-Quentin

Period : 20th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Water color

Length : 16 cm hors cadre

Width : 11,5 cm hors cadre

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Description

Robert DESSALES-QUENTIN

(Brantôme 1885 - 1958)

The Church of Saint Félix de Mareuil -
Bourdeilles

Gouache watercolor

H. 16 cm; L. 11.5 cm

Signed below, located

Provenance: Offered by the artist to Bernard
Secret in 1943. Son of the author and Perigordian
historian Jean Secret.

Robert Dessales-Quentin was born in one of the
most beautiful villages in France: Brantôme,
nicknamed the Venice of Périgord, since it is
located on the banks of the Dronne, a river which
has become a natural defense by encircling the

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village. This small town in the north of Périgord was the playground throughout the artist's life. At the age of four, he completely lost his hearing as a result of a treatment unsuitable for his intolerance to quinine, then unknown. His father, a notary from Brantôme, decides to send him quickly to Paris where he will study at the National Institute for deaf-mutes. Conscious of his artistic tastes, his parents enrolled him in the Jullian Academy, in the studio of the famous Jean-Paul Laurens. Man of taste and terribly attached to his land, Dessales-Quentin will easily orient himself towards landscapes rather than towards history painting to which his studies predestined him. It is in Périgord that he will return quickly and find his way in the representation of the local heritage. Castles, beautiful residences, churches or views of cities will be presented from 1909 at the Salon des Artistes Français in Paris. It is in watercolor that he will be most comfortable, even obtaining in 1928 a Great Honorable Mention at the Salon, a rare occurrence for this medium. In oil, he will have several different periods and styles, in particular a period that we could call "wisteria", due to the recurring presence of this plant between the two wars in his paintings. Drawing teacher for more than fifteen years in the great Institution Saint-Joseph de Périgueux, and in his studio in the rue du Plantier, he was named by his students the "brilliant left-handed". It is also within this workshop that Dessales-Quentin welcomed the "all-Périgord" every year for an exhibition of his highly anticipated works. Used to old Périgord stones, he will not forsake "elsewhere". The Corrèze will be a land of recurring passage, but also the Basque Country, French and Spanish. He will exhibit in many French cities his works, traces of which we find very regularly through the well-known labels on the back of the watercolors and their original framing.

The small church of Saint Félix de Mareuil (a

village officially named Saint Félix de Bourdeilles) is a typically Romanesque building, very little modified in history. Dessales-Quentin represents it illuminated from the south, as it should have been on the day of the solemn communion of the young Bernard Secret on June 20, 1943. Born in 1930, he is the son of the historian Jean Secret (1904-1981) , native of Savoy but a great specialist in Périgord, its architecture and above all its beautiful residences. He has published around forty reference works on the department and was notably president of the Historical and Archaeological Society of Périgord.