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Ferdinand Bac (1859-1952) Portrait Of Victor Hugo, Pencil Drawing, Signed, Dated And Localized



850 EUR

Signature : Ferdinand BAC (1859-1952)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 17.3

Width : 12

Description

Ferdinand BAC Stuttgart 1859 - Compiègne
1952 Portrait of Victor Hugo Black pencil Signed
lower right Dated 1883 and Located "Av d'Eylau
avec Arsène Houssaye" 17.3 cm x 12 cm sheet 35
cm x 30.5 cm frame Good condition. We point
out the trace of a small fold at the bottom and in
the center (not very visible). Ferdinand Bac
(1859-1952) was a French draughtsman,
illustrator and writer, renowned for his fine line
and observational skills. Close to many artistic
and literary circles of his time, he left a graphic
oeuvre marked by elegance and vivacity of
execution. This portrait of Victor Hugo, dated
1883, offers an intimate image of the great writer
in the final years of his life. Done in pencil, the
drawing is distinguished by an expressive use of
hatching that models volumes and intensifies the

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gaze, giving the face a presence that is both serious and meditative. The composition, deliberately sketchy, emphasizes physiognomy and expression rather than detail. The mention of Arsène Houssaye, friend of Hugo and Bac, places the work in a context of literary and artistic sociability, suggesting a portrait painted in a familiar setting, in this case Victor Hugo's home at 130 avenue d'Eylau (now avenue Victor Hugo), where the *écrivain* received visitors and close friends. Through its spontaneity and sensitivity, this drawing testifies to the young artist's admiration for one of the major figures of French literature.