



Lamartine - Large Portrait Signed - 1863 - Romanticism - Gustave Levy - China - Burin



1 500 EUR

Signature : ALPHONSE DE LAMARTINE

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 45 cm

Height : 55 cm

Description

Alphonse de Lamartine (1790-1869). Large portrait (45.5 x 37.5 cm) signed by the cantor of Romanticism. 1863 Beautiful chine burin engraving of extreme finesse, enriched with a large signature of Lamartine in ink and that of the engraver Gustave Levy (1819-1894) in pencil. "Hommage et souvenirs , 1863, Al. de Lamartine" Portrait after a drawing by Auguste Leloir. Large and majestic autograph signature of 13 cm. Size: 45.5 x 37.5 cm Frame (included): 55 x 45 cm This portrait, mounted on thick strong cardboard, comes in an elegant modern frame with

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"One evening, do you remember?  
we sailed in silence; Only the sound of the  
oarsmen striking in cadence could be heard in the

Dealer

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distance, on the wave and under the skies, Those  
harmonious waves. All at once accents unknown  
to earth From the charmed shore struck the  
echoes; The flood was attentive, and the voice  
dear to me Fell these words: "O time! suspend your  
flight, and you, auspicious hours! Suspend your  
course: Let us savor the swift delights Of the most  
beautiful of our days!" (From: *Le Lac -  
Méditations poétiques*)-----

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by money problems, due to his generosity and  
taste for vast estates. He returned for a time to  
youthful memories with Graziella, Raphaël, but  
soon had to settle for "food" productions, and  
those commensurate with the author of  
*Méditations poétiques*, such as *La Vigne et la  
Maison* (1857), would be rare. At the end of the  
1860s, virtually bankrupt, he sold his property in  
Milly and accepted the help of a regime he  
disapproved of, but which housed him graciously  
in Paris, in a chalet in the Bois de Boulogne at the  
end of today's Avenue Henri-Martin. It was here,  
at 135 avenue de l'Empereur, not far from today's  
Square Lamartine, that he died on February 28,  
1869.