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Alexander Wüst (1837-1876) - Seashore With Rocks, Norway, 1875 - Oil On Canvas

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Signature : Alexander Wüst (1837-1876)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

This luminous seascape by German painter Alexander Wüst depicts a rocky Norwegian coastline bathed in the subtle light of the North. From a foreground of massive rocks battered by waves, the viewer's gaze opens up toward the horizon, where a distant coastline takes shape beneath a vast sky animated by powerful cumulus clouds. The work immediately captivates with the balance of its composition and the quality of its atmosphere. Wüst gives a central role to the sky, the true protagonist of the painting, whose monumental clouds capture the variations in light and sensitively convey the weather conditions of the Scandinavian coast. The treatment of the sea also attests to the artist's talent. The deep waters, animated by bluish and greenish reflections, contrast with the dark, mineral mass of the rocks

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in the foreground. This contrast between the power of the ocean and the stability of the coastal landscape lends the work great evocative power. A traveling painter, Alexander Wüst made several trips to Scandinavia, where he found a special source of inspiration in Norway's seascapes. His works are distinguished by a careful observation of nature, a keen sense of atmosphere, and a remarkable mastery of light effects. This Norwegian seascape from 1875, created one year before the artist's untimely death, thus brings together the most refined elements of his work: an iconic Scandinavian subject, a late date corresponding to the full maturity of an artist whose works are featured in several international museum collections. The work is presented in a magnificent antique carved and gilded wooden frame.

Alexander Wüst (1837-1876) A painter, watercolorist, and draftsman of Dutch origin, Alexander Wüst ranks among the most talented landscape painters of the second half of the 19th century. Born in Dordrecht in 1837, he received his early training from his father, the painter Christoffel Wüst, before pursuing his career in the United States, the Netherlands, and Belgium. Drawn to wide-open spaces and wild landscapes from an early age, he specialized in depicting the Norwegian coast, the Scandinavian mountains, and the vast North American landscapes. His work is characterized by a remarkable mastery of atmospheric effects, subtle light, and a particularly poetic sense of nature. His career was cemented in 1866 when he won a Gold Medal at the Brussels Salon for his landscapes of Norway and the Mississippi, an honor that placed him among the most celebrated landscape painters of his time. He was also honored at the Vienna World's Fair in 1873. The painting presented here, dated 1875, belongs to the very last period of his career, just one year before his untimely death in Antwerp in 1876. Works from this period are particularly sought after as they reflect the painter's full artistic maturity. The presence of his

works in several major institutions confirms the significance of his work. Paintings and watercolors by Alexander Wüst are now held at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp, the Museum in Dordrecht, his hometown, as well as the prestigious New-York Historical Society. Comparable works in public auctions:

Sunset Landscape (1868) Lot No. 128 Painting Oil on canvas 45.7 x 80.2 cm Price including fees: EUR 44,586 (\$60,000) American paintings, drawings & sculptures May 23, 2007 Sotheby's New York, NY, United States Details Signed and dated "A. Wüst" lower right Reproduced on page 188 of the catalog Mountainous Coast with Sailing Dory Lot No. 526 Painting Oil on canvas 19 x 31 cm Hammer price excluding fees: EUR 3,250 (\$4,000) August 21, 2004 Northeast Auctions Portsmouth, NH, United States Details Signed lower left Reproduced on page 73 of the catalog Fire at Twilight Lot No. 32 Painting Oil on paper and canvas 20.3 x 40.6 cm Price including fees: EUR 35,846 (\$35,850) IMPORTANT AMERICAN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE 12/05/2002 Christie's New York, NY, United States Detail signed "A. Wüst" lower left Reproduced on page 54 of the catalog