



19TH C. FRENCH "MONKS DRINKING" OIL ON BOARD PAINTING IN CARVED GILT FRAME

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Bring warmth and humor to your collection with this finely executed 19th-century oil painting on board. Created in France circa 1870, the composition takes place in a cozy tavern setting and captures a lively moment of camaraderie among three jovial monks gathered around a carved stone table, sharing tankards of beer and animated conversation. Their expressive faces and gestures convey personality and wit, while the still life of bread, sausages, and herbs adds a charming touch of everyday realism. Painted in rich earth tones with softly diffused lighting, the scene is rendered with notable technical skill, particularly in the monks' textured habits, weathered skin, and reflective glassware. The work is executed in the manner of Eduard von Grützner (1846–1925), a celebrated figure of the Munich School, known for his humorous and finely detailed portrayals of monastic life. Grützner's influence is evident in the warm palette, spirited expressions, and narrative depth of the composition. The painting is housed in its original carved and giltwood frame, adorned with intricate foliate scrollwork and in excellent antique condition. Measuring 22 inches wide by 17 inches high, this characterful piece offers timeless decorative appeal, ideal for a wine cellar, study, or traditional interior. Excellent condition commensurate with age and use.