



19TH CENTURY FRENCH HAND WOVEN AUBUSSON TAPESTRY WITH NOBLE HUNTING PARTY SCENE

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Decorate a wall or a staircase with this elegant and colorful antique hunt tapestry with original border. Handwoven in Aubusson, France circa 1880, the rectangular wall decor composition, depicts a landscape scenery with large trees and foliage framing the foreground scene. The focal point of the piece is a small hunting party, with a nobleman on horseback who is followed by four man-servants with eight hunting dogs on leash. In the background, a traveling royal party goes by in a carriage pulled by four horses with two men on horseback beside them, passing a large castle in the distance. The detailed, decorative wall hanging tapestry is in excellent condition, and dressed with a new canvas backing for stability. The large handmade tapestry flaunts a strong color palette that includes neutral green, beige earth, and rich red tones. Aubusson, a town on the river Creuse in central France, became a center of tapestry manufacturing in the 17th and 18th centuries during the reigns of Louis XIV and Louis XV. Aubusson became the source for the aristocracy, hence the typically monumental sizes of Aubusson rugs and tapestries. Employing a method known as "warping" and executed on a low horizontal loom, the weavers of Aubusson were able to create an illusion of depth in their works. Aubusson textiles are also usually identified by their stylized framing motifs and neoclassical themes. Measures: 89" W x 77" H.