

19TH CENTURY FRENCH NAPOLEON III OVAL FIXÉ SOUS VERRE PAINTING IN GILT FRAME

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This elegant antique French fixè sous verre painting was crafted circa 1880 during the Napoleon III period and features a finely hand-painted romantic pastoral scene executed in oil on glass. The composition depicts three figures in period dress gathered in a wooded landscape, rendered with delicate brushwork and rich tonal contrasts in deep forest greens, atmospheric blues, and warm earth tones. The soft transitions of light and shadow reflect the decorative refinement associated with the Napoleon III aesthetic. Executed in the traditional fixè sous verre technique, the oil paint is applied to the reverse of glass, creating a luminous surface and subtle depth unique to this medium. Light craquelure and gentle surface bloom are visible, consistent with age and adding to its authentic antique character. The painting is presented in its original oval giltwood frame, richly molded with raised fruit and foliate motifs, rope twist edging, and a beaded inner border. The warm gold finish and ornate detailing are characteristic of the Napoleon III period and beautifully complement the romantic subject matter. This antique French painting is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use and retains strong decorative presence. A refined accent for a gallery wall, bedroom, or intimate vignette where classic European charm is desired. Dimensions: 11"W x 13.5"H.

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