



MID-18TH CENTURY FRENCH HANDWOVEN AUBUSSON VERDURE WALL TAPESTRY

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This antique tapestry was handwoven in Aubusson, France, circa 1760. Rectangular in shape, the colorful wall decor depicts a wooded landscape scene with two large, mature trees in the foreground, two male figures in the foreground, castles in the background and a central crest at the top; the wall hanging is further dressed with the original colorful border decorated with floral and leaf motifs. The tapestry is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns rich colors in the beige, green and blue palette; it is further backed with a white canvas fabric. The illustrative tapestry would make an impressive addition to a large wall in a living room, entryway or staircase. Aubusson, a town on the river Creuse in central France, became a center of tapestry manufacture 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: 70" W x 101" H.