



LARGE MARBLE PLATE, LAPIS LAZULI, AND MICROMOSAIC, 19TH CENTURY

Era: mid-19th century.

Materials: micromosaic.

Dim: L 11.4 in (29 cm) / H 7 in (18 cm).

Large, black marble rectangular plate inlaid with a ribbon motif in lapis lazuli. In the center of the plate is a large micromosaic oval that features a peasant couple in a pastoral setting. The man is resting after harvesting grapes, and at his feet lies a basket of grapes. A woman in a traditional dress is standing in front of him. This composition and the style of clothing was influenced by the work of Bartolemo Pinelli (1781-1835), whose engravings were published during the first half of the 19th century. Italian craftsmanship from the mid-19th century. This plaque could be presented in a gilded wood frame.