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FINE PAINTINGS



Charles-Henri Contencin (1898 - 1955)

The Barre des Ecrins, Dauphiné, France

oil on panel

22 x 27cm.

signed

The mountains that form the Massif des Ecrins rear up in the western French Alps, in a region known as the Dauphiné. Contencin returned to the area many times during his painting and climbing career and the Ecrins's peaks still offer some spectacular climbing with a lighter footfall of visitors in the late summer season. The Glacier Blanc tumbles off the north-east face of the highest mountain in the Dauphiné, the Barre des Ecrins (4102m), and extends for over three miles down into the Pelvoux Valley.