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FINE PAINTINGS



Otto Mähly (1869 - 1953)

Monte Besso seen from Sorebois, Val d'Anniviers, Switzerland

oil on canvas, 34½ x 28¼ in (88.5 x 72 cm) signed. Peaks & Glaciers 2019, p. 38

Monte Besso (3660m) rises in front of the Zinal Glacier at the southern end of the val d'Anniviers. A Basel artist, Mähly painted this mountainscape from high up above Grimentz on the western side of the valley. The river Navissence below flows into the Rhône at Sierre and the Obergabelhorn above Zermatt is just visible over Monte Besso's right ridge. The patch of strong sunlight falling on the glacial moraine right in the heart of the painting's lay-out, divides the various greens in the foreground from the rocks and glaciers higher up and away down the valley.