



Angelo Abrate (1900 - 1985)

Mont Blanc as seen from the Lago Chécrouit, Val d'Aosta, Italy

oil on panel, 34 x 44cm.

signed, inscribed on verso:

Vento di Ovest sul Monte Bianco (Colle Chécrouit)

The Chécrouit lake, in fact more of a large pond, is situated at over 2,000 metres near the Colle Chécrouit directly opposite the south face of Mont Blanc. Today, it is easily accessible by a telecabine lift from Courmayeur and its view to the north, across the wooded Val Veny is spectacular. Seen from this side Mont Blanc's Brouillard and Innominate glaciers and ridges give the enormous mountain a Himalayan character. In English, Abrate's inscription on the back of the panel reads as '*West wind on Mont Blanc*' as shown by the clouds and plumes of snow spilling off the summit and its east ridge on an otherwise bright and clear day.