



The Discovery of Honey by Bacchus

Date

about 1499

Primary Maker

Piero di Cosimo

Medium

oil on panel

Description

In this landscape, Bacchus and Ariadne, right foreground, are accompanied by groupings of satyrs and maenads who wield a variety of noise-making instruments. A swarm of bees settles on a hollow tree in the center foreground. The landscape in the right background is wild and forbidding while the town in the left background is idyllic. The light is warm, casting the scene in sun and shadow. Touches of red across the canvas lead to Bacchus and Ariadne.

Dimensions

panel: 79.2 x 128.4 cm (31 3/16 x 50 9/16 in.) framed: 97.2 x 146.7 x 12.5 cm (38 1/4 x 57 3/4 x 4 15/16 in.)