



**19th & 20th Century Paintings and Works
on Paper, including Portrait Miniatures (30
Mar 2021 B)**

Tue, 30th Mar 2021

Lot 332 §

Estimate: £4000 - £6000 + Fees

**MARIE-LOUISE VON MOTESICZKY (AUSTRIAN 1906-
1996)**

Property from the Marie-Louise von Motesiczky Charitable
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MARIE-LOUISE VON MOTESICZKY (AUSTRIAN 1906-1996)

Two women drinking wine

oil on canvas

63.3 x 76 cm (24 7/8 x 29 7/8 in)

LITERATURE:

I. Schlenker, *Marie-Louise von Motesiczky 1906-1996, A
Catalogue Raisonné of the Paintings*, New York, 2009, p.
398, no. 234, illustrated

Dating from the 1960s this 'double portrait' was one of many that Marie-Louise painted throughout her life, often focusing on the relationship between two women. In the present composition, clearly designed to raise a smile, the artist accentuates the differences in the two women - one tall, one short; one flowing blond, one close-cropped brunette; one powdered with red lipstick and earrings, one unmade up and unadorned - and positions them in an almost painfully constricted space, trapped in conversation behind a table upon which the absurdly over-sized leaves of a wilting rhododendron branch in a brown jug crowd out the women as they raise a glass.

See introduction to lot 328.