Francesco Brunery, The Apothecary’s Account (The Cardinal and the Chef), circa 1895



ARTIST
Francesco Brunery (1845–1926)

DATE
Circa 1895

PERIOD
Late 19th century

MEDIUM
Oil on panel

ARTWORK DIMENSIONS
46.5 × 33 cm (18.31 × 12.99 in), height × width

FRAMED DIMENSIONS
71 × 58 cm (27.95 × 22.83 in), height × width

FRAME
Original ornate gilt frame

SIGNATURE
Signed F. Brunery lower right

PROVENANCE
Private collection, Paris

A cardinal peers at a bill while his chef gestures across the table. Brunery sets the chef’s white uniform against the cardinal’s scarlet robes and picks out the silver vessels and the lace at the cardinal’s wrist. Sold by Monarts Gallery. If you collect paintings of cardinals and clergy, ask us about similar paintings or view José Frappa’s The Cardinal Musician.

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