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VAN SPAENDONCK, Gerard

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The flower painter and miniaturist Gerard, Gérard, Gerrit or Gerardus Van Spaendonck arrived in Paris in 1770 from Breda and Antwerp, where he had been a pupil of Herreyns. Watelet was instrumental in his being appointed peintre en miniature du roi, and when the collector faced financial difficulties, he sublet his logement in the Louvre to Van Spaendonck. He was *agr  * and *req  * by the Acad  mie royale in 1775 and 1781 and became a professor at the Jardin des plantes in 1793. At his death he was membre de l'Institut, professeur d'iconographie, chevalier de la L  gion d'honneur and Administrateur du Jardin des plantes. His brother Cornelis (1756–1840) was also a flower painter. According to Bruun-Neergaard,

Van-Spaendonck a essay   de faire des fruits au pastel; il a commenc   par des p  ches, et ensuite une grappe de raisin noir. Il s'est servi du crayon rouge et d'autres choses, pour rendre les contours nets. Le bois est bien imit  . Tout fait l'effet de l'huile quand on est un peu ´loign  .

His posthumous sale included several of his own flower pictures in pastel, as well as the La Tour pastel of his patron Watelet.

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Pastels

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J.7476.111 P  ches et grappe de raisin sur une table de marbre, psrl (Gerard Van Spaendonck; vente p.m., Paris, Mus  um d'Histoire naturelle, Coutelier, Paillet, 15.VII.1822, Lot 5 n.r., Fr161)

J.7476.121 Grappe de raisin noir, fruits et raisin blanc, 2 pendants, psrl (Gerard Van Spaendonck; vente p.m., Paris, Mus  um d'Histoire naturelle, Coutelier, Paillet, 15.VII.1822, Lot 6 n.r., Fr107)