

# AND HIS HOUSE BURNS DOWN

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: CAPRICHOS (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1797-1799) (18/85)



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797 - 1799

DIMENSIONES

219 x 154 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Aguafuerte, aguainta bruñida y buril

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

28 Nov 2010 / 29 May 2024

INVENTARIO

836 225

## INSCRIPCIONES

*Yese quema la Casa.* (at the bottom)

18. (in the upper right-hand corner)

## HISTORIA

See *Francisco de Goya y Lucientes, Painter.*

In the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris the only proof of the state before the letter is preserved. In it the aquatint is already burnished and the title is written with the first three

words together, Ysele quema la casa, and this is how it was engraved in the definitive version, except with the "c" of "casa" capitalised.

Two preparatory drawings of this engraving have survived (1) and (2).

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

The picture depicts an old man trying to put on his trousers. His spread legs, one of them slightly forward, reveal the difficulty he is having in getting dressed and indicate his state of inebriation. As a result, a fire is about to break out, as a lamp has set fire to a wooden chair on which the drunkard has propped it up.

The three manuscripts available to us all agree on the meaning of this print in which Goya criticises the abuse of alcohol, which is even more blatant in the case of a man of a certain age and from whom mature attitudes are to be expected. It is possible that the painter took as his starting point for this image one of the relatively common fires reported in the newspapers, especially in the esparto shops, many of which were attributed to the drunkenness of those responsible. This hypothesis is quite plausible if we take into account the title of one of the drawings that would have served as preparation for this engraving, *Drunken Espartero who fails to undress*.

This is not the only time Goya confronts alcohol abuse, as he does so again in *The Drunkards*. However, in the latter, beyond being critical, he captures a genre scene in the style of Dutch painting, more specifically, some paintings by Frans Hals (Antwerp, 1580?-Haarlem, 1666).

#### CONSERVACIÓN

The plate is in poor condition ( National Chalcography, no. 189).

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Hamburger Kunsthalle Hamburg 1980  
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Madrid 1992  
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cat. 155

**Francisco de Goya**  
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