

Variables in the Paris Paintings data set: This data frame contains the following variables (columns):

- name - unique identifier of painting
- sale - code for sale (dealer initial + year of sale)
- lot - lot number in the catalogue
- position - position of lot in the catalogue (as %, to control for size of sale)
- dealer - dealer initials (4 unique dealers: J, L, P, R)
- year - year of sale
- origin_author - origin of painting based on nationality of artist (A = Austrian, D/FL = Dutch/Flemish, F = French, G = German, I = Italian, S = Spanish, X = Unknown)
- origin_cat - origin of painting based on dealers classification in the catalogue (D/FL = Dutch/Flemish, F = French, I = Italian, O = Other, S = Spanish)
- school_pntg - school of painting (A = Austrian, D/FL = Dutch/Flemish, F = French, G = German, I = Italian, S = Spanish, X = Unknown)
- diff_origin - if origin_author is different than origin_cat (0/1)
- logprice - log of price fetched at auction (sales price in livres)
- price - price fetched at auction (sales price in livres)
- count - count, all 1s
- subject - short description of subject matter
- authorstandard - name of artist (standardized)
- artistliving - if artist is living or deceased at time of the sale (1 = yes, 0 = no)
- authorstyle - indicates how, if at all, the authors name is introduced, e.g. school of, copy after, in the manner of etc. or n/a if there is no introduction
- author - name of artist (not standardized)
- winningbidder - name of winning bidder
- winningbiddertype - type of winning bidder (B = buyer, BB = buyer on behalf of buyer, BC = buyer on behalf of collector, C = collector, D = dealer, DB = dealer on behalf of buyer, DC = dealer on behalf of collector, DD = dealer on behalf of dealer, E = expert organizing the sale, EB = expert on behalf of buyer, EBC = expert on behalf of buyer on behalf of collector, EC = expert on behalf of collector, ED = expert on behalf of dealer, X = identity unknown; blank = no information)

- endbuyer - type of end buyer (B = buyer, C = collector, D = dealer, E = expert organizing the sale, X = identity unknown; blank = no information)
- interm - whether or not an intermediary is involved in the transaction (1 = yes, 0 = no)
- type_intermed - type of intermediary (B = buyer, D = dealer, E = expert)
- Height_in - height of painting in inches
- Width_in - width of painting in inches
- Surface_rect - surface of rectangular painting in squared inches
- Diam_in - diameter of painting in inches
- Surface_rnd - surface of round painting
- Shape - shape of painting
- Surface - surface of painting in squared inches
- material - material of support (canvas, wood, copper, etc.)
- mat - category of material (a=silver, al=alabaster, ar=slate, b=wood, bc=wood and copper, br=bronze frames, bt=canvas on wood, c=copper, ca=cardboard, co=cloth, e=wax, g=grissaille technique, h=oil technique, m=marble, mi=miniature technique, o=other, p=paper, pa=pastel, t=canvas, ta=canvas?, v=glass, n/a=NA, (blanks)=NA)
- quantity - count
- nfigures - number of figures (if specified)
- engraved - if the dealer mentions engravings done after the painting
- original - if the original's whereabouts is mentioned (when painting is a copy)
- prevcoll - if the previous owner is mentioned
- othartist - if the painting is linked to the work of another artist or style
- paired - if the painting is sold or suggested as a pairing for another
- figures - if the number of figures included is emphasized
- finished - if the painting is noted for its highly polished finishing
- lrgfont - if the dealer devotes an additional paragraph (always written in a larger font size)
- relig - if description mentions a religious subject matter
- landsALL - if any type of landscape is mentioned (either lands_sc, lands_figs, or lands_ment)

- `lands_sc` - if described as a plain landscape
- `lands_elem` - if landscape elements are mentioned in the description (if `lands_figs=1` or `lands_ment=1`)
- `lands_figs` - if description mentions figures in a landscape
- `lands_ment` - if landscape is mentioned in the description
- `arch` - if architectural constructions are mentioned in the description
- `mytho` - if a mythological scene is mentioned
- `peasant` - if description mentions peasants messing around
- `othgenre` - if description mentions a genre scene (different than a peasant scene)
- `singlefig` - if description mentions a single figure (different than a portrait)
- `portrait` - if described as a portrait
- `still_life` - if description indicates still life elements
- `discauth` - if the dealer engages with the authenticity of the painting
- `history` - if description includes elements of history painting
- `allegory` - if allegorical scene is mentioned
- `pastorale` - if *pastorale* is used in the description
- `other` - represents any other subject matter not captured by the previous variables