



"minerva" Bowl Attr. To Baccarat, France, Circa 1890

6 200 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Crystal

Length : 42

Width : 23

Height : 27

Description

Charming oval-shaped engraved crystal bowl with scalloped edges and decorated with a Greek frieze centered with a profile portrait of Minerva in a medallion. It rests on a gilded bronze base imitating a braided rope forming the handles, and ends with four feet adorned with acanthus.

Biography :

The famous crystal manufacture of Baccarat, that dates back to the 18th century, was awarded its first medal in 1823, during the "Exposition des Produits de l'Industrie" for the "brilliance and the sharpness of its crystal" and became then the most renowned French "cristallerie". Baccarat was undoubtedly the only French manufacture that exhibited steadily and magnificently its products at the various Universal Exhibitions, and

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especially between 1855 and 1867. In all reports one can read about the « perfection of the material and of its cut ». To keep its wealthy clientele, among which the Royal family, Baccarat must discover new styles and decors as well as new material.