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Vintage 18k Gold Articulated Earrings With Zircons And Jet Stones, 1980s



1 900 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Description

These charming vintage earrings, crafted in 18-karat gold, are an exceptional example of the refinement and creativity that defined late 20th-century jewelry. Designed with exquisite taste and a clear organic inspiration, they feature an articulated structure composed of three layered sections, creating a subtle movement that enhances their elegance when worn. Each section is shaped in a symmetrical double teardrop pattern, reminiscent of stylized floral motifs. Every level alternates between precisely set white zircons that add sparkle and contrast, and small marquise-cut jet stones with a deep black tone, which add a touch of sobriety and perfect visual balance. Jet, historically valued in traditional Spanish jewelry and known as a protective stone, brings a timeless and meaningful element to the

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piece. The entire earring is made of rich 18K yellow gold, which enhances both the brilliance of the zircons and the dark depth of the jet stones. The articulated structure allows gentle motion with every step, making each detail catch the light from different angles. The lever-back clasp is seamlessly integrated into the design, ensuring comfort and a secure fit. They are in very good condition, with no visible wear or repairs. The goldwork is intact, and all the stones are securely set, making these earrings a safe and elegant option for both everyday wear and special occasions. A one-of-a-kind pair, ideal for those seeking jewelry with history, personality, and fine craftsmanship. Perfect for adding a vintage touch to a modern outfit or completing a unique jewelry collection. They would also look stunning as part of a refined interior decor display or as a statement piece for special events and elegant outfits. Don't miss the opportunity to own this elegant, characterful piece of vintage jewelry.

Measurements: 3.5 x 1.4 cm (1.38 x 0.55 in). Weight: 9.8 g.

History of Jet Earrings

Jet is a fossilized wood-derived gemstone, a variety of compact lignite, that has been used for centuries in the creation of jewelry and ornamental objects. Its most notable use dates back to the Roman period, but it was during the Middle Ages and especially the 19th century that jet gained strong prominence, particularly in Spain and England. In Spain, jet is deeply linked to the tradition of Santiago de Compostela, where artisans have crafted protective amulets and jewelry from it for centuries, highly valued by pilgrims. In 19th-century England, particularly during the Victorian era, jet was commonly used in mourning jewelry due to its deep black color and associations with elegance and sobriety. Queen Victoria made it fashionable after the death of her husband, Prince Albert, and its use quickly spread across Europe. In the 1980s and 1990s, interest in traditional materials saw a revival, and designers began incorporating jet into contemporary pieces, pairing it with noble metals and brilliant stones

such as zircons. The articulated design and abstract floral aesthetics of these earrings also reflect jewelry trends of the 1980s and 1990s, when bold yet sophisticated pieces were in vogue. This blend of tradition and modernity makes jet-set jewelry highly valued by collectors and those looking for unique pieces with personality and a rich story.