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Willem Kalf (1619 - 1693) - Still Life With A Golden Rock Crystal Cup



22 000 EUR

Signature : Attribué à Willem Kalf (1619 - 1693)

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 69.8 cm

Height : 84.7 cm

Description

This sumptuous still life belongs to the tradition of "pronkstilleven", the luxurious still lifes that brought Willem Kalf fame during the Dutch Golden Age. The composition presents a refined assemblage: a gilt-mounted rock crystal vessel, a finely chased silver ewer, a pewter jug, a glass of red wine, a hanging watch, an Oriental carpet, and delicate peonies. Each object is rendered with extraordinary precision, arranged in a theatrical composition bathed in rich, golden chiaroscuro. Beyond its technical virtuosity, the painting offers a deeply meditative reflection on time, materiality, and the vanity of earthly possessions. The contrast between precious objects and ephemeral flowers, together with the discreet presence of the suspended watch -- seemingly frozen in time -- contributes to a silent

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contemplation of the fragility of the visible world. Long held in the prestigious Bürgenstock collection in Lucerne, the work has been attributed to Willem Kalf. In every respect, it demonstrates a masterful command of the genre's codes and a remarkable fidelity to the artist's late style -- both in the selection of objects and in the subtle treatment of light and surface.