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Antique French Opaline Uranium Perfume Bottle,napoleon III Period



450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Glass

Description

A small, pear-shaped perfume bottle known as the 'Palais-Royal' model, made of opaque chrysoprase-green opaline. It is set within a delicate chiselled bronze mount, formerly gilded, comprising a scalloped collar with openwork ovoid motifs encircling the upper bulb, and a cage of stylised foliage scrolls hugging the domed base. The neck is fitted with a miniature hinged stopper adorned with a fluted collar in the shape of a corolla. France. Napoleonic III period (19th century, circa 1850-1860). H_6.5 cmThe so-called 'Palais-Royal' objects take their name from the luxurious boutiques situated beneath the arcades of the Palais-Royal in Paris, a mecca for high-end retail in the early 19th century. Whilst this style of bronze-caged bottle first emerged during the Restoration, its popularity endured and

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flourished fully during the Second Empire. Chrysoprase-green opaline, whose luminous hue--reminiscent of semi-precious stones--is achieved through the use of uranium oxides, remained highly prized by the bourgeoisie of the Napoleon III era. Enhanced by the contrast of a chiselled bronze setting--a veritable miniature piece of goldsmith's art--this type of precious bottle was a central feature of elaborate travel kits or adorned the most refined dressing tables. Our piece follows in the tradition of 19th-century Parisian high-end perfume bottles and boudoir items, offering a magnificent example of the enduring taste for rare opaline glass with Second Empire-style settings.