



Large Salt Cellar In Solid Gold, Pearls & Crystal, Decorated With A Marquis's Crown & Peer Of France



4 700 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gold

Width : 3,8 cm

Height : 12,3 cm

Description

An exceptional 19th-century crystal and gold smelling smelling bottle. The crystal bottle is pear-shaped and engraved with the monogram LH beneath a marquis's coronet. The base and neck are covered with an openwork gold mesh pattern featuring cascading finials. The bottle's lid is formed by a sublime and extraordinary solid gold marquis's coronet adorned with half-pearls and surmounted by the cap of the Peerage of France, itself topped with a pearl. This coronet is a small masterpiece of goldsmithing; it is relatively substantial and highly detailed, with alternating fleurons set with half-pearls and clusters of gold pearls. The Peerage's coronet is crafted in trompe-l'oeil, imitating fabric. The internal emery stopper is present. The gold is not hallmarked but has been

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tested to be at least 18 carats. Magnificent (that's an understatement) bottle, a likely unique piece commissioned by a Marquis and Peer of France for his wife. The crown is exceptional, its striking presence accentuated by the contrast of the white pearls against the yellow gold, the cut-out motifs of florets and pearls, and the naturalistic rendering of the cap. I have never seen such a bottle surmounted by a crown serving as a lid. This work is reminiscent of the production of Froment-Meurice, although it cannot be definitively attributed due to the lack of a hallmark. It is undoubtedly the work of a great goldsmith, comparable to them, for a prestigious client. 12.3 cm high 3.8 cm wide 1.5 cm thick 58.3 grams gross Superb condition. Collection in Paris or shipping via insured Colissimo. France: EUR25 Europe: EUR30 Rest of the World: EUR55