



Terracotta Bust Of A Crusader - 19th Century



6 800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 45

Height : 75

Depth : 25

Description

An imposing 19th-century terracotta bust depicting a crusader in armor, wearing a crested helmet and a breastplate adorned with a raised cross, a powerful symbol of the chivalric and religious ideals of the Middle Ages. This work perfectly illustrates the neo-medieval taste and romantic fascination with history that characterized 19th-century historicist sculpture. The bearded face, with its grave and meditative expression, is rendered with a keen sense of character. The slightly lowered gaze reinforces the figure's solemnity, while the energetic modeling conveys the character's inner strength. The finely striated mail coif, the articulated ruff, and the richly detailed armor elements testify to a meticulous observation of medieval sources. The terracotta, with its warm and nuanced patina,

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reveals the marks of time and lends the piece an authentic depth. The slight surface irregularities contribute to the piece's charm and highlight the sculptor's direct handwork. Combining symbolic power, historical realism, and a sense of decoration, this bust is fully in keeping with the Romantic aesthetic of the 19th century, where the Middle Ages became a major source of inspiration for artists and collectors. A piece of character due to its dimensions and sculptural presence, this terracotta crusader is a striking decorative element, ideal for a collector's home, a cabinet of curiosities, or a museum display.