



A 19th Century Gold Brooch Set With An Agate Cameo. Portrait Of An Emperor.



2 850 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

agate, with a brooch mount
cameo: 17.4mm.,
0.68in. diameter
32.6mm., 1.28in. overall; 9,05
gr
Italy, first half of the 19th century
Claudius,
facing right. The subject is rendered in high relief
in the white upper layer of the onyx against the
dark brown ground, displaying masterful lapidary
craftsmanship. The emperor is shown with
characteristic wavy hair, aquiline profile, and
draped shoulders in the classical manner.
The
cameo is set within an elaborate gold mount of
exceptional quality, executed in the Etruscan
Revival style fashionable in early 19th century
Italy. The frame features a double rope-twist
border surrounding the stone, enclosed by an
openwork gallery of scrolling wire tendrils and
cannetille rosettes with granulated spheres. This
type of intricate goldwork was particularly

Dealer

ANTHEA Fine Arts
Ancient & Vintage Jewellery - Glyptics
Tel : +33616430095
Mobile : +447572773768

Londres W14

associated with Roman workshops, notably those active around the Vatican and the Via del Corso. The subject matter and style reflect the deep fascination with Imperial Rome that permeated the decorative arts during the Neoclassical period, when Grand Tour travelers commissioned such pieces as souvenirs of their Italian journeys.