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Antique Miniature From The Romantic Era, Portrait Of A Man In Costume, Oval Frame, 19th Century,

200 EUR



Signature : Bernard..

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Ivory

Width : 12,5

Height : 14

Description

19th-century miniature - Portrait of a man with a rosette (Legion of Honour) - , signed on the right side Bernard..1846, oval under glass, blackened wood and gilt brass frame - 14 x 12.5 cm. This charming 19th-century miniature depicts a bust portrait of a man, turned three-quarters. The sitter wears a brown frock coat, a knotted black cravat, and a light-colored waistcoat, with a small red rosette in his buttonhole, most likely representing the Legion of Honour. The nuanced and precise treatment of the face favors a realistic style, attentive to skin tones and the psychology of the gaze, typical of portraiture during the July Monarchy/Second Empire. A skillfully executed miniature, understated yet effective, where the skin tone is achieved through glazes and highlights, and where the artist pays particular

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attention to the eyes and the line of the mouth. The deliberately neutral blue-grey background enhances the sitter's presence. The piece suggests a private commission, intended for the intimacy of a study or living room. The miniature (gouache/watercolor), painted under glass, is oval and mounted in a blackened wood frame with a gilt brass border featuring fine guilloché decoration. Overall dimensions: 14 x 12.5 cm. Image size: approx. 8 x 7 cm. On the back: an old handwritten label, illegible identification (framed/under an opening). Traces of old pencil annotations. Good overall condition. Visible wear around the edges (miniature border/mounting area). Antique frame with signs of use. Blackened wood frame with a wide, recessed molding, decorated oval gilt brass border, under glass. Hanging hardware present.