



Gold Ring With Grapes And A Cabochon Garnet. Merovingian, 6th Century Ad.



10 000 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Gold

Description

A gold ring decorated with grapes and set with a cabochon garnet. Merovingian, 6th century AD. Ring size P UK / 7.75 US / 56.5 EU measured on the leading edge. Weighs 9.5 grams. The ring is of hollow construction, the shoulders decorated with abundant grape vines, the high fluted bezel is decorated with a claw setting surrounding a rub-over set cabochon garnet. Provenance: A remarkably similar ring was sold, along with much of the Béhague Collection, at Antiquités et Objets d'Art: Collection de Martine, Comtesse de Béhague, Provenant de la Succession du Marquis de Ganay, Sotheby's, Monaco, 5 December 1987, lot 207. A ring with similar decoration can be found in the collection of the Musée du Louvre, Paris, Numéro principal : SAINT-GERMAIN 24573. A further ring for comparison was sold by

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Sotheby's, London, Old Master Sculpture & Works of Art, 2 July 2019, Lot 2. The British Museum has a ring in their collection (Registration number 1772,0314.51) with grape vine decoration to it's shoulders and set with a garnet cabochon, they have dated this to the 3rd century AD, also a pendant (Registration number 1872,0604.1058.1) dated to the 1st - 4th century AD. Architectural rings like this with protruding bezels are typical of Merovingian manufacture of this period, the Metropolitan museum of art has a ring on loan from the Griffin collection also set with a high bezel and cabochon garnet (Accession Number: L.2015.72.7).

Links:<https://collections.louvre.fr/en/ark:/53355/c1010115502>

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/buy/auction/2019/old-master-sculpture-works-of-art/byzantine-circa-6th-century-ring>

https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/G_1772-0314-51

https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/object/G_1872-0604-1058-1

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/661705>