



Grand Tour: Bronze Silenus Of Pompeii, 19th Century



2 400 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 27 cm

Height : 65 cm

Description

An imposing bronze sculpture with a black patina depicting Silenus wrestling a serpent, after a Roman bronze unearthed in Pompeii in 1863 and now in the National Archaeological Museum of Naples. The palmette-adorned crown worn by Silenus likely held a vessel containing wine or perhaps an oil lamp. He stands on a circular base decorated with engraved motifs. The satyr, with his virile features and bare torso, is draped in a short robe tied around his hips. His head, crowned with vine leaves and bunches of grapes, emphasizes his role as a Bacchic creature. The satyr, firmly planted on the ground and slightly bent over, grasps the animal and, in a fit of rage, prepares to hurl it violently, his muscles tense with exertion. His raised right arm holds a coiled serpent, whose open mouth supports a large

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decorative bowl suspended above him. The bowl is finely chased with scrolls, acanthus leaves, and volutes, typical of the Neoclassical ornamental vocabulary. The whole rests on a molded circular base, enriched with engraved geometric and vegetal motifs. Dimensions: Height = 65 cm (with bowl) / 60 cm without; Base diameter = 25 cm; Bowl depth = 9 cm; Bowl diameter = 21 cm; Maximum width = 27 cm