



Ivory Seal Henri IV Of France, 19th Century



3 800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ivory

Height : 9,8 cm.

Description

Elegant cachet consisting of turned ivory handle, surmounted by a bust of Henri IV of France, known as "the Great", depicted in late 16th-century ceremonial dress. The sovereign, first of the House of Bourbon, is shown with structured shoulders and a pleated burr, elements perfectly in keeping with the fashion between the late 16th and early 17th centuries. He wears a necklace, probably that of the Order of the Holy Spirit, founded in 1578 by Henri III and reserved for the highest nobility of the kingdom. Henri IV, as King of France, was naturally its Grand Master. The small sculpture is distinguished by a particularly fine quality of execution, perceptible in the modelling of the face, as well as in the meticulous detail of the hair and necklace treated

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in reduction. The bust rests on a narrow, molded pedestal that connects to the turned handle, while the base consists of an engraved silver matrix engraved with a cursive Gothic monogram, legible as MLS, probably the initials of the former owner. Beautiful example of early 19th-century, the work of a skilled sculptor in the Renaissance revival style, aimed at a cultivated clientele sensitive to the evocation of history and the great figures of the past. h. 9.8 cm. Very good overall condition: the ivory has a pleasant light natural patina with slight traces of use age. The object is accompanied by a CITES certificate authorizing its sale in Europe.