



Antique Folding Knife With Carved Bolster - Bust Of Henri IV France, XIXe Century.

850 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état



Description

Rare French folding knife from the XIXe century, with single-edged steel blade and counter-edge, bearing the signature "DUMAS" stamped on the heel. The blade shows a homogeneous old patina, with traces of use in keeping with its age. The brass spindle is spring-mounted, in a typology characteristic of quality French cutlery of the XIXe century. The bolster is carved with a finely executed ivory bust of Henri IV: bearded face, deeply hollowed gadrooned burr, wavy hair and costume treated with a real concern for naturalism. The carving is distinguished by excellent legibility of the portrait and a distinctly superior quality of size, evoking the royal iconographic models disseminated from the XVIIe century onwards and consistently taken up in the XIXe century in the decorative arts. An

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object at the crossroads of cutlery, miniature sculpture and monarchical iconography, this type of knife was intended for a bourgeois or literate clientele, sensitive to historical symbolism as much as to quality of execution. The set is preserved in very fine condition, with intact, untouched carving and a consistent antique patina on all materials. Characteristics- Steel, brass, ivory- Total open length: 26.5 cm- Blade length: 11 cm Accompanied by a certificate of authenticity from a French expert.