



A Refined, Lidded Gravy Boat In Old Paris Porcelain, First Empire Period.



580 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Porcelain

Length : 25,5 cm

Height : 16,5 cm

Description

A refined, lidded gravy boat in Old Paris porcelain, First Empire period. Dating to the First Empire period, circa 1804-1815, this exquisite gravy boat features a single, integral plate, a formal and elegant solution typical of high-quality pieces intended for formal tableware during the Napoleonic era. The harmonious, ovoid body rests on a low, oval foot and is embellished with gilded, zoomorphic handles. The surface is decorated with fine fire-gilding along the edges, the lid edge, and the sculptural elements. The body and lid feature an interwoven gilded monogram, likely attributed to a private client, a common feature in unmarked Parisian pieces from the early Empire period. The lid is topped with an elegant palmette-shaped knob, an ornamental motif emblematic of the First Empire

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style, inspired by the decorative repertoire of classical antiquity and widely used in Napoleonic official art. The palmette, modeled in relief and completely gilded, gives the whole a solemn and measured character, perfectly consistent with the neoclassical taste of the period. The porcelain, a solid and luminous white in color, is of excellent quality; the gilding shows natural and light wear, compatible with age and use, which attests to its authenticity. The absence of manufacturing marks is consistent with the Vieux Paris production, made by various independent ateliers active in Paris in the early decades of the 19th century. An object of great elegance and sober monumentality, the gravy boat represents a significant testimony to the art of Parisian tableware during the First Empire era, appreciated for its quality of execution, purity of form, and stylistic coherence. Height 16.5 cm, length 25.5 cm. This message has been edited.