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Attilio Codognato. Cameo Ring On Neoclassical Agate - Young Hercules 18-carat Yellow Gold - 20th



4 600 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gold

Description

Cameo: approx. 30 × 40 mm | Mounting: 18-carat yellow gold | Finger size: 56 | Total weight: approx. 27 g  
Cameo: first half of the 19th century  
Markable cameo ring by the renowned Venetian firm Codognato. The large oval cameo, cut in two-layered agate, features a bust of a young Hercules in profile to the right: idealized features - finely arched eyebrow, straight nose, powerful jaw - framed by abundant tight curly hair, the distinctive attribute by which the hero is recognized in Hellenistic and Roman sculptural tradition. The milky-white relief figure stands out authoritatively against a deep gray-brown background, evoking the great marble portraits of antiquity - foremost among them the type of Heracles spread across the Mediterranean world in the wake of Alexander's conquests. The

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composition exudes the heroic idealism of neoclassical glyptics at its most accomplished. The architecturally assertive 18-carat yellow gold setting features a broad, imposing bezel set on tapered, fluted shoulders, with stepped geometric decoration around the rim, centered by a cabochon - a formal vocabulary fully in the spirit of Codognato's own aesthetic, between Grand Tour romanticism and twentieth-century goldsmithing virtuosity. Signed Codognato on the ring.