



Antique Victorian Snake Serpent Necklace 18k Gold, Diamond & Enamel C.1860



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Description

We are delighted to offer this fabulous Victorian 18ct gold reticulating snake necklace made c.1860. Captivating, stylish and a marvel of fine jewellery making, Victorian snake necklaces present some of the finest and most impressive goldsmithing of the era, making it an iconic and classical statement piece of the period. Throughout history, the snake motif has served as a regal or symbolic imprint, from Cleopatra to Roman beliefs of love. This piece being made in the Victorian era, would have been very much in vogue as Queen Victoria was very fond of serpent jewellery, being gifted an engagement ring from Prince Albert in 1839. As a result, many forms of jewellery of the Victorian era, whether it be a ring, bangle or necklace, were often inspired and featured snake designs. This

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particular necklace presents some of the most desirable and impressive traits of Victorian goldsmithing - its entirety is crafted from 18ct gold, which has a lovely, rich and warm antique gold tone. The reticulating design imitates a lifelike snake and also allows for a very smooth and comfortable wear, truly coming to life upon wearing and movement. The craftsmanship in order to make a graduated, solid, yet smoothly flexible chain is remarkable and is a highlight and testament to Victorian craftsmanship and in our opinion, inimitable with a contemporary piece to this degree of finesse. The clasp fixes into the main head of the snake, which has been equally impressively decorated with a deep blue enamel over a textured background, accented with pearls, rose cut diamonds and two garnet cabochons as its eyes. What is particularly delightful is the thinner coiled section of the enamel that features both enamel and gold surface engravings of foliate motifs that wrap around its tail. Splendid in a collection, but better yet, perfect for those who wish to wear a statement piece, rich with artistic history. Whether it be for a special occasion or an evening party, the necklace would grace a stylish blouse in the warmer months or on a one-piece dress for more formal occasions or on top of a turtle neck in winter, wonderfully accenting your outfit with a single point of opulent impression. A spectacular gift for someone or as an indulgent addition for the discerning antique jewellery lover. This necklace is exemplary of the creative and meticulous Victorian jewellery making and is a wonderful way to display your passion for distinguished antiques, history and style. Diamonds are known to be the birthstone for April, garnets for January, and pearls for June. The brooch is unmarked, as is common with articles of this period and as such, we have tested it, indicating 18ct gold. This necklace will come with a similar period shell design box as shown in the photos. Should you wish to switch it to a modern box, please do let us know and we can supply this too. Size & Total Weight 38cm Length

(Head section inc drop approx
4x2cm)/21.57g/0.69 troy ozCondition: great
antique condition with no major issues or
damage, some very slight surface wear as
expected with antiques of this age and some
minor enamel loss on only the bottom swaying
part as shown in the images.We aim to
overemphasise and state these issues (if any) to
avoid disappointment and thus please rest assured
they are not significant nor affect the usage of the
items. Please kindly refer to the photos for further
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