



Louis XVI-style Leg-of-lamb Handle In Silver And Steel By Ernest Banquier

110 EUR



Signature : Ernest BANQUIER

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 21,2 cm

Width : 9 cm

Diameter : 3 cm

Description

A beautiful neoclassical leg-of-lamb handle by master silversmith Ernest BANQUIER. The handle, in filled 950/1000 silver, features an elegant panelled decoration with moldings, cascading laurel garlands, fleurons, small flowers and clasps, the reserves highlighted by an amati ground. The tulip-shaped steel clamp is in perfect working condition. Hallmarks Minerva 1st standard (solid silver 950/1000) Maker's mark: EB, an imperial staff, for Ernest BANQUIER. Dimensions Length: 21.2 cm. Width: 9 cm. Diameter: 3 cm. Paris, 1860-1876. Gross weight: 129 g Preserved in its original case lined with crimson morocco-grained paper embellished with gold friezes, with an interior lined with satin and cream velvet. Condition report Some wear and signs of use to the nickel-plating of the steel

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clamp, without affecting its functionality. The piece as a whole remains in very good condition. The excellent condition of the filled silver handle attests to the quality of its craftsmanship. As David ALLAN notably pointed out in *French Tableware and Cutlery of the 19th Century* (Faton), filled silver handles made with a sufficient thickness of silver offer remarkable durability over time. This piece also illustrates the organization of Parisian production in the second half of the nineteenth century: even a handle crafted by a master silversmith was frequently paired with a steel clamp manufactured by a specialist cutler. Ernest BANQUIER, a Parisian silversmith established at 21 Faubourg Saint-Honoré, registered his maker's mark on 19 June 1860. It was cancelled on 5 May 1876.