Japanese Bronze Vase Supported By A Dragon - Meiji Period



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

Japanese Bronze Vase Supported by a Dragon - Meiji Period (1868-1912) Height: 39 cm (15.4 in.)Weight: 7.7 kg (17 lbs)Impressive Japanese bronze vase with a rich brown patina, supported by a magnificent dragon mount dating from the Meiji period. This remarkable work perfectly illustrates the extraordinary level of craftsmanship achieved by Japanese bronze artists during the late 19th century.The vase itself displays an elegant, restrained silhouette, enhanced by a subtle relief decoration resembling stylised flowing forms. This understated design contrasts beautifully with the richly sculpted dragon supporting it. Executed fully in the round, the mythical creature is exceptionally detailed, with finely chiselled scales, sharp claws, flowing whiskers, horns and beard, all rendered with

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remarkable precision. The dragon coils around the vessel while holding the sacred pearl, a traditional symbol of wisdom, power and fulfilment.The attention to detail extends throughout the piece, even to the delicately engraved floral decoration visible inside the bottom of the vase.The bronze remains in excellent condition, retaining a beautiful original brown patina that enhances both the modelling and the quality of the chasing.A striking decorative work combining outstanding craftsmanship with remarkable visual presence.
The Gallery's View Few mythical creatures have endured through history with the same universal appeal as the dragon. In East Asian culture it is a benevolent protector and master of the elements, a symbol vastly different from its Western counterpart. This enduring symbolism continues to inspire artists and audiences alike.From Meiji bronzes to contemporary cinema, manga and video games, the dragon has never disappeared from our collective imagination. One cannot help but think of Haku in Spirited Away or Shenron in Dragon Ball, modern heirs of an icon whose origins stretch back thousands of years.This vase beautifully embodies that timeless fascination. More than a century after it was created, its dragon still conveys the same sense of strength, elegance and mystery, transforming this bronze into far more than a decorative object: it is a celebration of one of humanity's most enduring mythical figures.