



Imperial Roman Intaglio On Carnelian. Portrait Of Hercules.



2 300 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Dim. 9.5 x 13 x 4 mm Mounting available upon request Roman art, 2nd century Roman intaglio in carnelian, engraved in relief, depicting the bearded head of Hercules in right-facing profile. The hero is recognizable by his thick, curly hair and dense beard rendered in short, tightly packed strands--one of the most common and highly regarded motifs in Imperial Roman glyptics. Hercules (Heracles), a civilizing hero and embodiment of virtue, was among the most frequently depicted figures on Roman signet rings, serving both as a talisman of strength and an emblem of virtue. The isolated head, with no visible remains of the Nemean lion's skin, refers to the so-called "bearded Hercules" type, which was widespread throughout the Empire.

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