



Roman Terracotta Oil Lamp Decorated With A Military Figure And A Lion, 2nd Century



240 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Length : 10 cm

Width : 7 cm

Description

A beautiful Roman oil lamp made of molded terracotta, oval in shape, featuring remarkable relief decoration on the disc. The scene depicts a standing figure, likely a soldier or a heroic figure, wearing a helmet and armor. He holds a long spear, while to his right stands a lion, accompanied by a large oval shield. A radiating decorative pattern completes the composition and highlights this scene of military or mythological inspiration, the interpretation of which remains open to interpretation. It could be a depiction of Mars, the god of war, or a victorious hero accompanied by a lion, a symbol of power and courage. The spout is decorated with fine radiating fluting. The base is ring-shaped, with no visible maker's mark. The quality of the casting, the iconographic composition, and the technical

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characteristics allow this lamp to be attributed to a production from the Roman Empire, dating to the 2nd century, possibly the early 3rd century A.D. This uncommon iconography makes this lamp of particular interest to enthusiasts of Roman archaeology and collectors of antique lamps. Condition: Very good overall condition. Minor ancient chipping on the upper edge of the disc, which does not affect the visibility of the decoration. Beautiful archaeological patina; no visible restoration. Dimensions: Length: 10 cm; Maximum width: 7 cm. Provenance: Former private collection. For any questions
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