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Grand Tour Gold Ring With A Carnelian Intaglio Depicting A Roman Matron



2 650 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Description

Intaglio, approx. 15 × 13 mm TDD EU 53 (subject to change) - 2.6 g. Late 18th-early 19th century. Circular carnelian, a warm orange-red, engraved with a draped bust of a matron in right-facing profile, her hair pulled back and adorned with a headband and an antique-style sakkos; set on a yellow metal ring with openwork scrollwork shoulders. The subject, the Roman matron-- the idealized noble matron, an emblem of dignity and marital virtue --, a type that the Neoclassical era drew directly from Roman imperial portraiture: the high, architecturally styled hairstyle revives the fashion of the Antonine empresses (see Faustina). Born of the Grand Tour's taste for engraved gemstones, these carnelian portraits of ancient ladies were among the most sought-after subjects of the era,

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