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16th-century Silver And Porphyry Fork



2 500 EUR

Period : 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Description

16th-century silver and porphyry fork
Made in Northern Italy, circa 1550 The cylindrical handle, made of red/purple porphyry (a hard volcanic stone), is an extremely prestigious material. During the Renaissance (16th century) and into the 17th century, porphyry--an imperial and royal symbol since Roman antiquity -- was reserved for princely works of art The sculpted silver joint connecting the handle to the head features a baluster/molded knot motif, very typical of late Renaissance and Mannerist silverwork (Northern Italy) The base of the tines is adorned with a cartouche engraved with a network of trellises and leafy volutes, emblematic of the decorative repertoire of the 16th and early 17th centuries. In the 16th century, everyday forks generally had 2 or 3 tines (used primarily for piercing candied

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fruit or hot meats, or to keep one's fingers clean).Although four-pronged forks were rarer in the 16th century, they were found among Italian and German ceremonial cutlery sets.Dimensions: 17.5 x 2 x 2 cmProvenance: - Private collection in Paris Taxes and customs duties are included in the shipping cost for international shipments