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Votive Head Of A Young Man Carved From Limestone - Gallo-roman Art, 1st-3rd Centuries A.d.



1 950 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Stone

Width : sculpture 8 cm, socle 9 cm

Height : sculpture 16 cm, totale 25 cm

Description

Head of a young man carved in the round from light-colored limestone with a slightly crystalline grain, probably from the Gallo-Roman period. The beardless face, rendered with a strong frontal perspective, features large almond-shaped eyes, strongly defined brow ridges, a straight, prominent nose, and a small mouth with delicately rendered lips. The chin is clearly defined. The short hair is arranged in broad, wavy, and curly strands, particularly visible on the forehead, temples, and around the ears. The back of the head is also sculpted, confirming that this is a work created in the round. The head rests on a long, cylindrical neck, a feature found on certain small sculptures and votive heads discovered in the sanctuaries of Roman Gaul. With its deliberately simplified and hieratic style, this

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sculpture is more closely related to Gallo-Roman provincial statuary than to the naturalism of major official Roman sculpture. In particular, its size and design make it comparable to the numerous stone votive heads from Gallo-Roman sanctuaries such as those at the Sources de la Seine or the Forest of Halatte. In the absence of documented archaeological provenance, however, we prefer to maintain a cautious attribution: Roman Gaul, probably 1st-3rd centuries CE. The stone exhibits wear, erosion, and minor surface irregularities consistent with its age. Originally mounted by drilling a hole beneath the neck; the head is now mounted on a modern oak base, which is removable. Shipping: 18 euros within France, 35 euros within the EU, and 150 euros to the rest of the world.