



Baccarat, Crystal Cup, France, 1860

12 500 EUR



Signature : Manufacture de Baccarat

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 57

Height : 30

Depth : 25

Description

An elegant, teardrop-shaped crystal vase, delicately engraved with intricate plant and floral motifs. Its bronze base is composed of long, curved arms formed of tubular stems that end in small spheres. On each base, an oval medallion is adorned with an antique-inspired female profile (reminiscent of medals or cameos), depicting Minerva. Biography The famous Baccarat crystal glassworks, whose origins date back to the 18th century, won its first gold medal at the 1823 Exposition des Industrial Products in 1823, where it was praised for "the brilliance and fineness of the crystal" and became France's leading crystal manufacturer. Baccarat was undoubtedly the only French manufacturer at the time that was consistently and masterfully represented at the various exhibitions in which it participated,

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thereby earning honors and prestigious awards. A guiding principle "perfection of the material and the cut," appears in all the reports from the World's Fairs between 1855 and 1867, where Baccarat crystalware dominated due to the quality of its crystal, deemed superior to that of Bohemia and England.