



Francois Froment - Five-piece Solid Silver Condiment Set, Empire Period

4 800 EUR



Signature : FRANCOIS FROMENT

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Sterling silver

Description

A superb set of solid silver condiment pieces, consisting of four salt cellars and a lidded candy dish, dating from the Consulate-First Empire period. The four oval-shaped salt cellars, resting on a stepped pedestal, feature an elegant flared bowl with a rim accented by a fine beaded frieze. The side handles, particularly refined, consist of coiled shafts topped by stylized eagle heads, a motif characteristic of the imperial decorative repertoire. The square, stepped bases rest on four ball-shaped feet, giving the set a beautiful sense of grandeur despite the miniature nature of the pieces. The interiors are entirely gilded. The lidded candy dish, of the same design, features the same eagle-head handles and rests on a pedestal with a square base and ball feet. Its slightly domed lid is edged with a beaded frieze and topped with a

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particularly decorative finial in the shape of a pine cone and palmette. Dimensions: Salt cellars: Length 10 cm; width at neck 7.5 cm; base 6 cm; height 10 cm. Covered candy dish: Length 9.5 cm; width at neck 7 cm; base 6 cm; height 15.5 cm. Hallmarks: fineness mark with the 1st Rooster, 1st Paris fineness standard (1798-1809), hallmarks of guarantee, and François Froment's master silversmith's mark. The 1st Rooster corresponds to the first silver fineness standard, i.e., 950/1000. Total weight: 873 grams Period: Consulate - First Empire, circa 1802-1806. Master silversmith: FRANÇOIS FROMENT, engraved in 1801, struck through in 1806 Origin: France/PARIS