



Bronze Sculpture After Pierre-jules Mêne - "valet De Limier" - Napoleon III



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Bronze

Height : cm. 63

Description

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An important figurative bronze sculpture depicting a young hunter (or valet) in period attire, walking a scent hound (limier) on a leash as he follows the trail of prey. The work is the celebrated masterpiece by the master Pierre-Jules Mêne (Paris, 1810-1879), one of the most important and influential French sculptors of the 19th-century "Animalière" movement. The original composition, presented at the Paris Salon, masterfully blends human anatomy with extraordinary naturalistic sensitivity in portraying the hunting dog in a dynamic, searching posture.
Iconographic and Structural Details* The Hunter: Depicted in finely detailed hunting attire, with high boots, a hunting cap, and a hunting bag at

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his side filled with game (birds). His left arm firmly holds the whip (or riding crop) behind his back, while his right hand holds the dog's leash. * The Hound: The dog is depicted leaning forward with its muzzle to the ground, perfectly capturing the animal's kinetic tension and concentration while tracking.* Base: It rests on a finely chiseled, naturalistic oval base depicting simulated woodland terrain. Technical Specifications for the Listing* Title of the Work: Valet de Limier (also known as Hunter with Dog / The Bloodhound Handler)* Model's Creator: The work is unmarked--after Pierre-Jules Mêne (1810-1879)* Material: Bronze * Patina: Dark/brown patina with natural, period-appropriate shading and metallic highlights* Period: Late 19th century / Early 20th century* Style: French Animalist School (Courant Animalier)* Condition: Good overall condition; the bloodhound's tail is missing (see detailed photos); original patina with slight and charming signs of aging that attest to its era and authenticity. Solid construction and very well-defined details. * Dimensions: height 63 cm - base 44 x 27.5 cm