# Optat Milet, Sèvres Porcelain, Circa 1880



530 EUR

Signature : Félix Optat MILET (1838 - 1911)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Ceramic

Height : 14 cm

## Description

French School: FélixOptat MILET, Sèvres porcelain, circa 1880.This slender baluster vase,with a tapered neck and flared body, exemplifies one of themost refined aspects of Sèvres production.A bramble branch, renderedin polychrome glazes, extends diagonally across the entireheight of the piece, from the foot to the base of the neck. The composition isresolutely asymmetrical. This calculated imbalance, a precursor to theArt Nouveau style, lends the motif its movement and elegance.At Milet, gold is not merely adecorative highlight: it becomes a trulythat interacts with the enamels, the flowers, and thesurface effects. Here, the entirely gilded background serves as a backdrop for thefloral motif. Very often, gold leaf is applied to anenameled background before the final firing:

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the result isdeep, almost vibrant surfaces where the gold seems to float beneath the enamel--an effect particularly noticeable in the upper part of theneck, where the decoration blooms within a gilded reserve outlined inturquoise blue and punctuated with black.Signature -- On the reverse, thebase bears, painted in green, the number 683 as well as thecalligraphic signature "Milet / Sèvres," accompanied by a broadunderline. This handwritten mark is characteristic of the workshopof Optat Milet, who worked in Sèvres.Height: 14 cmCondition: Very good condition