Exceptional Ecclesiastical Ring In 18-karat Yellow Gold With A Large Amethyst - Art Nouveau

7 500 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Length : 2,5 cm

Width : 2,5 cm

Description

Exceptional 18-karat yellow gold clerical ring with a large amethyst - Art Nouveau periodSpectacular antique clerical ring in 18-karat yellow gold (750/1000), adorned with an imposing rectangular amethyst with beveled edges.This remarkable ceremonial ring captivates with its monumental proportions, the richness of its sculpted decoration, and the quality of its goldsmithing--all characteristic of early 20th-century Art Nouveau aesthetics.On either side of the setting, two finely sculpted winged angels in relief highlight the ring's religious character and exquisite craftsmanship.Its wide setting holds a large faceted amethyst with magnificent shades of violet, ranging from deep purple to delicate lilac hues.The stone is set in an elegant closed setting, accentuated by a double

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border of finely chased gold that perfectly follows its octagonal shape.The shoulders of the ring feature a remarkable relief decoration inspired by nature, composed of volutes, foliage, and organic motifs characteristic of Art Nouveau.The band, particularly wide and substantial, flows harmoniously into an openwork gallery adorned with a series of lanceolate motifs evoking the arcades of Gothic architecture.This openwork design, visible on the reverse side of the setting, attests to the care taken in crafting this exceptional piece of jewelry.A Ring of Episcopal TraditionFor several centuries, the amethyst has been closely associated with episcopal dignity. Its violet color, a symbol of temperance, wisdom, and spirituality, has made it the stone traditionally favored for bishops' rings.With its large stone, imposing dimensions, and richly detailed decoration, this ring is part of the grand tradition of ceremonial ecclesiastical rings.It is also a remarkable example of Art Nouveau jewelry, where the power of its forms is combined with the delicacy of nature-inspired ornamentation.CharacteristicsPeriod: Art Nouveau, early 20th century.Material: 18-karat yellow gold (750/1000)Stone: large purple amethyst, rectangular in shape with beveled edges.Head dimensions: 2.5 × 2.5 cm.Total weight: 37.30 grams.Hallmarks: marks present on the ring shank, visible in the photographs.Setting: carved with plant motifs and an openwork band.Condition:Very good overall condition, with signs of wear consistent with the ring's age.A particularly striking piece of antique jewelry, combining the nobility of gold, the depth of the amethyst, and the refinement of an Art Nouveau sculptural design.A ring with character, intended for enthusiasts of ecclesiastical jewelry, antique jewelry, and sacred art.Please feel free to contact me for any additional information or to request more photographs of this item.