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# Portrait Of A Crusader Knight, Tempera On Paper, 19th Century



450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gouache

Width : 25

Height : 29,5

## Description

A refined painting in a historicist, neo-medieval style, depicting a Crusader knight. He is identified by an inscription in the upper right--"THEODOR. SODERINU[S]" (Teodoro Soderini)--and the work is dated 1875 in the lower right.
The figure is shown in a half-length portrait, wearing a metal helmet and a cloak, and carrying a sword. His surcoat is finely decorated with gilded floral motifs and a red cross. On his chest, the heraldic coat of arms of the historic Florentine Soderini family--three red deer heads (severed at the neck) on a red field--is displayed, surmounted by a "chief" (the upper section of a shield) bearing a cross. The execution is exceptionally detailed, particularly in the miniature-like

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rendering of the armor, the hilt of the dagger, and the skin tones; it is rendered in tempera and gouache, with gilded highlights on paper/cardstock.
The piece is housed in an elegant, molded gilded wooden frame with protective glass. On the reverse, the backing board (which shows tears consistent with its age) bears the antique stamp of the Roman framer: "Angelo Alfieri - Vetri e Cornici, Via Licia 20, Roma."
Period: 19th century (dated 1875). Technique: Tempera and gouache with gilded highlights on paper, under glass. Dimensions (including frame): 29.5 × 25 cm. Dimensions (visible painting): 20 × 15 cm.
Condition: The painting is in excellent condition, protected by glass. There is minor wear to the gilding on the frame, consistent with its age; the backing board is torn.