Medici Bronze Vase With A Brown Patina, Late 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Description

A large Medici-style bronze vase with a brown patina, decorated with mythological scenes in very finely chiseled relief. Original patina in perfect condition. Presented on a magnificent and substantial solid marble base in a purplish-red hue. Considerable weight; please contact us for shipping options. Most likely produced by one of the finest Italian foundries of the period, late 18th century. Total height: 35 cm. Height of the bronze vase alone: 29.5 cm. Diameter of the upper section: 24 cm. This bronze vase of remarkable quality is likely inspired by a famous ancient piece known as the "Borghese krater," a monumental marble krater from the 1st century B.C. discovered in the 16th century in the gardens of Sallust in Rome, which enjoyed immense popularity among European art lovers and

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collectors during the Grand Tour. Before its acquisition by Napoleon I in 1807 and its entry into the Louvre's collections, this masterpiece was the subject of prestigious bronze castings at the most renowned Roman foundries of the late 18th century, notably those of Giacomo and Giovanni Zoffoli and Francesco Righetti.Related work: A bronze copy by Giacomo and Giovanni Zoffoli, dated 1793, is currently housed at Saltram House, Devon (National Trust, inv. 871621.2).A copy from the late 17th century is housed at the Louvre Museum.