



Agate Cup - Antoine-désiré Froment-meurice (1801-1855)



4 500 EUR

Signature : Antoine-Désiré Froment-Meurice

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Height : 15 cm

Description

Antoine-Désiré Froment-Meurice (1801-1855).
Cup.

Agate, silver, vermeil and onyx. Small guarantee
hallmark with boar's head.

Circa 1840-1845.

An agate cup is supported by a hoop decorated
with ivy leaves and a palm tree foot. The gilt
silver terrace which rests on another agate bowl
supports a silver rider overcoming a soldier on
the ground. The latter is decorated with a frieze of
onyx cabochons.

This cup can be attributed to Froment-Meurice :
the same model, with a variation on the foot, was
displayed in 2003 at the Musée de la vie
romantique during the exhibition Trésors
d'argent, les Froment-Meurice, orfèvres

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romantiques parisiens. It is a creation of the silversmith commissioned by the Russian prince Alexei Soltycoff. Given the prince's erudition and his career as a diplomat in the East, it is likely that it is a representation of the defense of Vienna against the Ottomans by Jean Sobieski in 1672. We also know that an engraving of the counterpart of this cup is represented in a bound album for the Empress Eugenie, kept in the Department of Art Objects of the Louvre Museum.