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Early, Large and Fine Grand Tour Serpentine Sculpture of the Dying Gaul c. 1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1042605****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

A beautiful and large hand carved Italian green serpentine marble sculpture of the original early Roman statue, of life size, which was discovered in 1622 at Villa Ludousi and then restored by Michaelangelo. It is now held in the Capitoine Museum in Rome. . The sculpture is of a gladiator mortally wounded, defeated and laying across his shield, his short sword set down on the ground, his neck adorned with a twisted gold torq. . During the 18th and 19th centuries faithful copies of the figure were made in bronze and hand carved marble for European nobility and patrons as well as for wealthy young aristocrats who undertook the 'Grand Tour' of Europe and took home these beautiful items for their collections. . Serpentine examples of this large size and in such excellent original condition are rare and this one is unusual and fine in several aspects. The figure is extremely well carved, the Gaul's features are very beautiful and defined, and the extended ground where he lays has been etched and left matt, earth like, against his polished shield and sword. A bright ribbon from the shield spreads across the ground and the handle of his shield is detached – perhaps allowing his ...

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