

SA1095365

Antique Solid Silver French Niello Cigarette Case - 19th c.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1095365****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

We are delighted to offer this captivating antique solid silver niello cigarette case made in France mid-late 19th c. With practicality, elegance and style combined in one, this cigarette case is the perfect accoutrement for any tobacciana collection or collectors of antique French silverware. The case features a wonderful niello design throughout that presents a distinguished and beautiful contrasting appearance. Niello refers to the type of decoration/technique in which the silver surface is engraved and a black mixture (usually sulphur, copper, silver and lead) is used as an inlay (powder or paste which is later fired and then cooled to achieve a smooth surface). The interior is fully silver gilt which provides a layer of protection from the contents inside oxidising/tarnishing the silver. The niello work is intricate, geometric and chic, featuring a tessellating quatrefoil pattern with a midsection of hand-engraved foliate motifs. Whilst originally designed for holding cigarettes, this case could also be used for short-form cigars, holding matches or small items. A perfect gift or addition for the discerning individual and an equally delightful conversation sta...

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