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Antique French 18ct Gold Cameo Brooch Agate Hardstone Victorian - c.1880

Price

GBP 2,500

| USD \$3,383 | EUR 2,925

Item Reference: SA1099359

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Description

We are delighted to offer this stunning antique Victorian French 18ct gold agate cameo brooch/pendant made c.1880 (period antique box included). The cameo depicts a lady 'in profile' (side on) in exceptional detail, intricacy and depth. Despite its age, the engraving remains deep and crisp which can be further appreciated upon closer inspection under natural lighting. The high relief wonderfully displays facial features and the clothing and the play of light on the translucent background creates a beautiful contrast (changing colours from an almost purple to brown to grey colour) upon viewing the cameo from different angles. Areas such as the hair is particularly impressive and notable with remarkably fine detailing. The glossy texture of the unengraved background allows for the white foreground to stand out even more with the portrait presenting a very clean stone/marble-like white shade. Such intricacy and attractive proportions of an almost lifelike texture/facial expression in the manner of Renaissance sculptures is a testament to the engraver's skill upon crafting such a piece. The cameo is likely of Italian origin whilst the gold mount is marked with French 18ct ...

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