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Shoushan Stone Seal with Twin
Dragons and Latin "FF",
Republic Period, c.1910-1920

Price

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Item Reference: SA1167991

Date of manufacture: 1910

Description

A finely carved Shoushan stone seal of rectangular form, the crest superbly worked in high relief with two sinuous dragons pursuing a flaming pearl ("er long xi zhu"). The carving is notably delicate: confident undercutting between limbs and whiskers, crisp beading of the pearl, well-defined manes and dorsal spines, and clean transitions in the negative spaces. The seal face is unusual, combining Chinese characters with the Latin letters "FF", suggesting a bespoke commission for a Western patron in the early Republic period. The stone is an exceptional milky white with a soft inner glow; it is distinctly cool in hand and superior in finish to typical workshop pieces. Dimensions/weight: approx. $8.5 \times 7.6 \times 3.2$ cm; 329 g. Condition: minor high-point nicks to the openwork (tips of whiskers/crests); seal face intact and legible. No visible restorations. Context: Shoushan stones (Fujian) were prized by scholars for their waxy texture and translucency; hybrid inscriptions are rare and collectible. Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them. The item will be...

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