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Antique 19th C. Chinese Rock Crystal Snuff Bottle – Master-Carved "Linglong" Openwork Prunus – 11cm Cabinet Piece

Price

GBP 575

| USD \$777 | EUR 673

Item Reference: SA1206628**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 11 cm (4.3")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Antique 19th C. Chinese Rock Crystal Snuff Bottle – Master-Carved "Linglong" Openwork Prunus – 11cm Cabinet Piece Circa 1850 - 1880 An exceptional and substantial example of late Qing Dynasty (19th Century) lapidary art. This "Master Cabinet" sized bottle is hand-carved from a single block of natural rock crystal (clear quartz). The vessel is encased in an intricate, partially detached "Linglong" (pierced openwork) network of flowering Prunus (Plum Blossom) branches. The Prunus is a revered Chinese symbol of resilience and purity, rendered here with superb hand-incised detailing on the blossoms and gnarled branches. The Stopper & Function This bottle features its original matching solid rock crystal stopper, precision-ground to the neck for an airtight, "no-wobble" fit. Note on the Stopper: This is a "Cabinet" style bottle, designed specifically for visual appreciation and display on a scholar's desk. As is characteristic of high-relief "linglong" carvings, the stopper is a solid crystal plug with no spoon. This design was intentional to allow the viewer to see through the clear vessel without the visual distraction of a bone or metal spoon, and to protect the fragil...

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