

SA1218772

French Bronze Bust of Ajax, c.1880

Price

GBP 495

| USD \$669 | EUR 579

Item Reference: SA1218772

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A French bronze of good proportions depicting 'Ajax', after the antique. Ajax is recorded in The Illiad as a, 'tower of strength to the Achaeans' and, 'the best man among the Thracians, being both brave and of great stature'. Helen of Troy described him as, 'huge Ajax, bulwark of the Achaeans'. He is one of the strongest warriors for the Achaeans, second only to his cousin Achilles. His epic duel with Hector, resulting in a tie, is detailed in the seventh book of the famed poem by Homer. The eagle to the front of the helmet relates to the eagle which was sent as a sign from Zeus (Ajax's grandfather) at the time of Ajax's birth, and the scene to the top of the helmet symbolises Ajax's education from Chiron the centaur. The bronze has some light signs of wear in areas commensurate with age but generally remains in a very good condition throughout and displays extremely well. Dimensions:- Height: 30.5cm Width: 15cm Depth: 12cm DELIVERY UK Mainland: FREE International Delivery: Please contact us for a shipping quote.

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