

SA1222018

Bohemian Enamelled Cobalt Glass Decanter for the Persian Qajar Market, c.1870-1890

Price

GBP 650

| USD \$878 | EUR 761

Item Reference: SA1222018**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 41.3 cm (16.3")

Width = 11.3 cm (4.4")

Depth = 11.3 cm (4.4")

Description

An impressive antique Bohemian cobalt glass decanter produced for the luxury Persian Qajar market during the late nineteenth century. Decorated with finely painted enamel portrait medallions of Naser al-Din Shah Qajar, it represents the type of prestigious luxury object commissioned by aristocratic and royal patrons during a period of growing cultural exchange between Central Europe and Persia. The deep cobalt body is enriched with lavish raised gilding, hand-chased foliate ornament and delicate enamel decoration. The portrait reserves are executed to a particularly high standard and remain remarkably well preserved. The finest examples of this specialised export production are closely associated with Ludwig Moser of Carlsbad (present-day Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic), whose workshop supplied luxury commissions to royal and aristocratic clients across Europe and the Persian Qajar world. Particularly desirable is the survival of the original steeple-form stopper, matching the body in colour and decoration. Such fragile stoppers were frequently lost or damaged, making complete examples increasingly difficult to find. Combining historical interest, exceptional decorative...

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