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Late 19th C French bronze figure of a victorious Roman soldier by Émile Louis Picault (1833–1915)

Price

GBP 1,695

| USD \$2,294 | EUR 1,983

Item Reference: SA1224733

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 45 cm (17.7")

Width = 19 cm (7.5")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

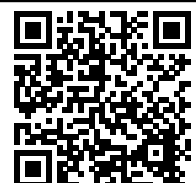
Description

A striking late 19th-century French bronze sculpture by the renowned sculptor Émile Louis Picault (1833–1915), depicting a triumphant Roman soldier standing confidently in victory. Bare chested and draped with a flowing cloak fastened across his shoulders, the warrior wears an elaborately decorated helmet and grips an impressive sword, resting its blade upon the shield of his defeated opponent. The shield bears the Latin inscription "Honor Patria", meaning "Honour Your Fatherland", reinforcing the sculpture's patriotic and heroic theme. The front of the rectangular base features an engraved plaque inscribed "Le Devoir", translating as "Duty" or "Duty Bound", a powerful reference to honour, courage, and obligation. Executed in high quality bronze with a rich dark green patina, the sculpture displays exceptional modelling and crisp detail throughout. It remains in good original condition, with the bronze retaining an attractive aged surface that enhances its character and authenticity. The sculpture is signed by Émile Louis Picault on the upper surface of the base, while the reverse bears the circular French foundry stamp "Vrai Bronze Garanti Paris", confirming its quality.

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