

SA225097

Pair C19th 'Grand Tour'
souvenir bronze vases.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA225097

Date of manufacture: 1870

Description

Pair C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze vases .Mounted on fluted black marble bases ,subtle verdegris patinated models of the Albani vase after the antique. Well-cast copies of the antique discovered in Rome in the mid C18th by the excavation of grounds of a Villa during a dig sponsored by the great collector, connoisseur and patron of ancient art antiquities ,Cardinal Alessandro Albani,and then housed in the art collections of Villa Albani . The rims with 'egg and dart' borders above a vine leaf decorated collar. The body cast with bearded masks of male gods set amongst drapery and lion-skins, whilst the handles are formed by twisted vine branches, standing on a fluted socle. The antique was thought to have originally stood outside the ancient Temple of Bacchus. H 14" x W (inc. handles)12 " x Dia (of bowl)8" .Standard wine-bottle used to illustrate impressive scale.

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