

SA529783

C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir
bronze reduction of "The Albani
Vase" cast by Barbedienne .

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA529783

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 24 cm (9.4")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

C19th 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze reduction of "The Albani Vase" cast by Barbedienne. Well-cast and richly patinated bronze copy of the ancient marble twin-handled krater vase, known as the Albani vase, mounted upon a green 'Prato verde', serpentine marble block base. Discovered in Rome in the mid C18th during the excavation of the grounds of a Villa sponsored by the great collector, connoisseur and patron of ancient art antiquities, Cardinal Alessandro Albani, the ancient marble vase was thought to have originally stood outside the Temple of Bacchus. The rims with 'egg and dart' borders above a vine leaf decorated collar. The body cast with the masks of bearded gods set amongst drapery and lion-skins, whilst the twin handles are formed by twisted vine branches, standing on a fluted socle. Signed on the edge of the socle "F. Barbedienne". The French foundry of Ferdinand Barbedienne were a renowned producer of quality objects and sculpture during the mid C19th. This copy of the Albani vase, appears in the Barbedienne catalogue of 1886 titled "Cratere vase consacre a Bacchus". In excellent condition with a consistent mid 'chocolate' brown patination. Minor...

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