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FINE BLACK SERPENTINE SCREW BOTTLE WITH SILVER-GILT MOUNT FROM KRONSTADT/BRASSO

Object number:

Kronstadt/Brasso ca 1680

Master: Lucas Baum

Height 20 cm, weight:

Lucas Baum became master in 1665, died in 1711

The coat of arms refers to the Hungarian noble family Perneszy de Osztopan

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Detailed Description

Detailed information

Cylindrical serpentine body carved with spiral fluting, the screw lid with engraved flowers, foliage and coat of arms, with a double snail handle.

Serpentinite / Serpentine

Serpentine minerals are formed by the transformation of olivine, pyroxenes and amphiboles in the peridotitic source rocks under certain pressure and temperature conditions (300 to 500 °C) and with the participation of aqueous fluids

The colors of serpentinite rocks can vary greatly. They are generally known as strong green materials in various shades. Some of them are burgundy to reddish brown and even dark brown. There are also black, black-green and shades of light green varieties. The play of colors is particularly great in the Zöblitzer Serpentin (Zöblitz, in the Saxon Ore Mountains).

The Kronstadt goldsmith Lucas Baum was the leading Kronstadt master in the production of silver objects with extensive embossed/engraved floral decoration. Works by Lucas Baum are preserved in the Hungarian National Museum in the churches of Kronstadt and Cluj-Napoca. See Köszeghy No. 230 page 40