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FRENCH BRONZE OF THE YOUTHFUL HERCULES LEANING ON HIS CLUB

A FINE FRENCH BRONZE OF THE YOUTHFUL HERCULES LEANING ON HIS CLUB WEARING THE SKIN OF THE NEMEAN LION AND HOLDING A GOLDEN APPLE OF THE HESPERIDES. AFTER THE ANTIQUE
ON AN OVAL VARIEGATED SERPENTINE AND BLACK MARBLE BASE
1ST EMPIRE EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 33CM HIGH – 13 INS HIGH

LITERATURE

TO THE ANCIENT GREEKS HE WAS KNOWN AS HERACLES AND WAS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE HEROES IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY AND THE ONE WHO CAME THE CLOSEST TO FULL DIVINE HONOURS. SON OF ZEUS AND ALCMENA HE WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS STRENGTH, COURAGE, ENDURANCE, COMPASSION AND GOOD NATURE. HIS EXPLOITS AND HIS TWELVE 'LABOURS', AND HIS CULT WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE GREEK WORLD. BEING CONSIDERED THE UNIVERSAL HELPER HE WAS INVOKED ON EVERY OCCASION AND COMMONLY CALLED ALEXIKAKOS 'AVERTER OF EVIL'. THE ROMANS LATER ADOPTED HIM WITHOUT HESITATION AS HERCULES, THE GOD OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH.