



**Charles X pink Opaline Flask**

Era: 19th century, Charles X period.

Materials: opaline, gilt bronze.

Dim: H 5.3 in / D 3.3 in / Base 2.6 in.

Dim: H 13,5 cm / D 8,5 cm / Base 6,5 cm.

Opaline crystal flask in distinctive pink “pigeon throat” color. The body of the flask features chiseled fluting. The pedestal stem and base of the flask is faceted and in varying shades of pink. The removable stopper in pink opaline is blown and fluted. A gilt bronze ring encircles the neck and is decorated with stylized foliage. This color of opaline is rare and exceptional. The process of making the crystal opaque involved the use of bone cinders, tin, and arsenic, and magnesium sulfate gives it its pink hue. Only a few production centers in France were equipped to create these types of colors, such as Le Creusot, Baccarat, Saint-Louis, and Choisy-le Roi. The distribution of these crystals was primarily through merchants established around the Palais-Royal, known as the “Crystal Staircase”. A few small scratches on the body of the flask. Circa 1820-1830.