



**Charles X pink “pigeon throat” color 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. A few chips on the edges of the body of the bottle. Charles X period. Circa 1820-1830.

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”.

