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A gold and champlevé enamel snuffbox, first 19th century

Era: Mid-19th century

Materials: gold, enamel.

Dim: W 2.48in. (6.3cm)/ D 1.57in. (4cm) / H 0.39in. (1cm).

Weight: 1.83oz (52g.)

Goldsmith illigible.

Rectangular snuff-box in gold and enamel. The hinged lid is worked in champlevé enamel. On fine cavities made in gold, a symmetrical decoration in polychrome and translucent enamel presenting a Medicis vase with a floral bouquet is organized. This vase stands out against a background of opaque black enamel embellished with gold foliage left in reserve and polychrome and translucent flowers in champlevé enamel. A frieze of interlacing in white enamel frames the composition. The base of the snuffbox is decorated with a centered decoration of floral pattern on a translucent blue enamel guilloché background. This decoration is framed by a bunch of grapes in champlevé enamel on a black enamel background. Circa 1820-1830.