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Roman artist

***Tazza***

1600 circa

Alabastro Fiorito

Height 51 cm

Provenance: Sir Martin Wilson, London

This rare work of art is carved out of a splendid piece of alabastro fiorito (flowering alabaster), a wonderful and rare stone.

It stands on a later green marble (verde antico) foot.

In 17<sup>th</sup> century Rome the use of rare marbles and semiprecious stones was very fashionable. In some cases, antiquities were actually reshaped by expert marble cutters to create objects in modern taste, sometimes also by inserting new parts.

The piece of alabastro fiorito used for this decorative cup is particularly elegant, with blood red veins and a pink background. The stone is polished with great attention and thin enough to remain strong and yet capture the light and use to bring life to the colours of the alabaster.