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Cross Of The Order Of M^a Isabel Luisa (1839-1868), Isabel II, Spain



395 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 5,7 cm - 2,24 in.

Width : 3,2 cm - 1,26 in

Description

This magnificent cross of the Order of María Isabel Luisa, established between 1839 and 1868, is a treasure of Spanish military history. Its four-arm structure, enameled in pure white, stands out for its elegance and symmetry. At the center, a circular medallion features the portrait of Isabel II on a red enamel background, surrounded by a blue ring with the inscription "Isabel II Reina de España," reflecting loyalty and honor toward the monarchy. The reverse side of the cross is equally impressive, displaying the initials "MIL" on a red background, representing the Order of María Isabel Luisa, encircled by the inscription "Al Valor Militar" on a blue enamel ring. This design emphasizes the purpose of this decoration as a tribute to heroic acts in the military sphere. The piece is topped with a golden

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representation of the royal crown, symbolizing its direct connection to the monarchy. The cross includes an original light-colored ribbon that, despite its age, remains in good condition, adding authenticity and historical value. This decoration is ideal for collectors of historical medals, being a valuable addition to any collection focused on military history or ancient royal orders. Its presence adds distinction and honors the courage of those who were worthy of such recognition.

Dimensions: Total height: 5.7 cm (2.24 in), Width: 3.2 cm (1.26 in)

History of the Order of M^a Isabel Luisa

The Order of María Isabel Luisa was established during a crucial period in Spain's history, a time marked by civil wars and political conflicts in the 19th century. Instituted by Isabel II, this order was intended to honor and recognize those who demonstrated exceptional bravery in defending the monarchy during times of deep instability. Isabel II, who ascended to the throne at a young age, faced multiple challenges during her reign and promoted this decoration to solidify her relationship with the armed forces, rewarding loyalty and sacrifice on the battlefield.

The inscription "Al Valor Militar" on the reverse of the medal underscores the order's focus on bravery and heroism. In conflicts such as the Carlist Wars, this cross became a symbol of honor and distinction, highly respected among the military of the time. With time and political changes, the order was eventually abolished, but the pieces that have endured to this day serve as tangible reminders of the dedication and courage of their bearers. The Order of María Isabel Luisa remains a historical testament to valor and devotion to the Crown in an era of turmoil.