



**A gold ring set with a rare Roman amethyst cameo. Mask of Bacchus.**

Circa: 1st century BC - 1st century AD

Cameo: 1.5 x 1.3 cm (0 5/8 x 0 1/2 inches)

Mounting: Gold (18k); UK size R ; total weight 8,20 gr

Roman art, 1st century BC - 1st century AD, mounted on a later gold ring.

The face of the young god has a rounded shape, with hair gathered and adorned with ivy leaves. The Bacchic subject fits well with the variety of the stone, a splendid mirror-polished dark purple amethyst. Allegory of the wine and Dionysiac rituals.

The work is engraved in high relief and inspired by the influence of the late Hellenistic Greek style.

Slight wear marks. Beautiful conservation.