

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PATINATED BRONZE SOW SCULPTURE SIGNED JULES MOIGNIEZ

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Created in France circa 1880, this charming antique bronze sculpture depicts a realistically modeled sow searching for truffles. Signed "J. Moigniez" on the base, the finely cast artwork is attributed to renowned French animalier sculptor Jules Moigniez (1835–1894), celebrated for his exceptional depictions of animals and wildlife.

The substantial farm animal is portrayed standing on all four legs, with her head lowered and snout extended toward the ground, capturing the natural movement of a pig foraging for food. The sculptor's attention to anatomical detail is evident in the rounded body, gracefully folded ears, expressive face, and carefully modeled hooves. A row of teats beneath the belly identifies the animal as a sow. The figure stands on a textured naturalistic ground, mounted on a shaped brass base that provides an attractive contrast to the rich, dark brown patina.

The antique bronze is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its beautiful two-tone patinated finish. A delightful decorative accent for a gentleman's study, library, farmhouse, or ranch house.

Jules Moigniez was a distinguished 19th-century French animalier sculptor who regularly exhibited at the Paris Salon. Particularly admired for his intricate bronze birds, he also produced accomplished sculptures of horses, dogs, farm animals, and hunting scenes. The artist is listed in Benezit.

Dimensions: 9.5"W x 5.25"D x 6"H.

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