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A striking and very high quality French 19th century Louis XVI st. ormolu and patinated bronze statue signed by Jules Moigniez. The statue is raised by an elegant mottled oblong ormolu base below the wonderfully executed patinated bronze ground design with rocks where the signature is displayed. Above is an impressive bird with open wings standing on a branch amidst richly chased leaves and berried designs with an intricately detailed snake standing in defense. Wonderful subject matter and exceptional attention throughout.

Jules Moigniez was a renowned French sculptor. Born in 1835 in Senlis and died in Saint-Martin-du-Terte (Seine-et-Oise) in 1894. He was the student of Cornolera and started to exhibit his work in 1855. There is a famous sculpture of his called 'Chien D'arret avec faison' 'Dog with Pheasant' in Chateau de Compiègne.





