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A charming and most attractive French 19th century Louis XVI st. patinated bronze and ormolu statue, signed J. Moigniez. The statue is raised by a fine oblong ormolu base with a mottled border. Above are two lovely and richly chased patinated bronze birds playing on a ground like base. One is pulling on a wheat sprig while the other is about to pick a fallen piece up from the ground. Lovely subject matter and rich patina 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.





