



## **OVAL BRONZE VASE GUSTAV GURSCHNER CA. 1908**

**€26.000,00**

Large oval bronze-vase with Etruscan ornaments,  
design Gustav Gurschner, manufactured by K.K.  
Kunst-Erzgiesserei Wien, ca. 1908, bronze,  
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Gustav Gurschner was very successful with his small sculptural objects, such as statuettes, candelabra or vases. As a sculptor, he became famous for his monumental equestrian statues, busts and reliefs of European monarchs, aristocrats and other dignitaries of his time. Among others, he modeled King Carol I of Romania and his wife Maria. Expressively for her he designed this outstanding oval bronze vase, according to a handwritten inscription on an original photo of the vase: "Vase made for queen Maria".

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