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A FRENCH COMPOSITION STONE LIDDED URN

After the 18th Century original at Chateau Valencay, Indre
the tapered body cast in relief with a pair of rams heads suspending oak-leaf swags,
surmounted by a tapering lid with a flambeaux finial, raised on a spreading foot and square
plinth,

DIMENSIONS: 168cm (66^{3/4}") High, 54cm (21^{1/4}") Wide

STOCK CODE: 91061

HISTORY

This is a replica piece. The urn can be raised on a pedestal as pictured "91062". The Chateau Valencay was a 16th Century building added to in the 18th Century when extensive gardens and terraces were laid out. "Its use of urns and statuary was conventional enough, but the urns themselves are among the most elaborate and imaginative of their time" George Plumptre, "Garden Ornament" pub. Thames & Hudson, 1989, p135; See illus. in Gertrude Jekyll, "Garden Ornament", pub. Antique Collectors Club 1982, p89.