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Medici Venus

Marble, XIXth century

H 163 x W 47 x D 50 cm

H 64 1/8 x W 18 ½ x D 19 2

Based on an antique model, the Mec
Gallery, Florence.

The goddess is depicted in a fleetin
emerging from the sea, to which the

The Medici Venus ranks among the
example, owned no fewer than five v
admire numerous life-size statues a
bronze miniature, it was among the
cabinets: in the portrait of Claude-
1765, the art lover and author of
compass and a notebook, observing a
he were about to deduce the ideal
sculpted example.

According to Piero Ligorio, the statu
Trajan, in the vineyard of the Bis
immediately became part of the prela
Alfonso d'Este. In 1575, it was sold
include it in the collection of antiq
remained in this sumptuous Roman re
transferred to Florence along with o
and the Wrestlers. These famous wor
precious space in the Uffizi, and V
museum as a whole. The statue's pre
in its history of successive collecti
Paris. The French period lasted unti
original location in Florence.

Unusually for an ancient statue, the
bears his signature: Cleomenes, son
in the 1st century BC.

High-quality versions of this statue
from Antiquity, were produced in bro