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Agnolo Bronzino (Italy 1503–72) *Cosimo I de' Medici in armour* c1545, oil on poplar panel, 86 x 66.8 x 3.5 cm, Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased with funds provided by the Art Gallery of New South Wales Foundation 1996, image © Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Bronzino was the leading painter in mid-sixteenth-century Florence, where he served as court painter to Duke Cosimo I de' Medici. His portraits are characterised by an intense concentration and an almost unnerving clarity—none more so than this portrait of Cosimo in armour. If the duke's diverted gaze reveals a sense of anxiety in the still-youthful ruler, his steely reserve is cleverly accentuated by his forbidding armour. Rendered with reflections, highlights, and shadows, as well as a rich red velvet lining, Cosimo's armour is an article of transfixing interest.

Cosimo belonged to a secondary branch of the Medici family and succeeded to the dukedom in 1537 when the main Medici line was extinguished. The sitter's helmet rests on the Medici *broncone*—a laurel tree stump with a vigorous leafy side shoot. Its presence suggests that Cosimo was a true heir of the Medici patriarchy and represented an alternative, but forceful, new growth in the family tree.

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