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## Boulle Style Chest Of Drawer Sfrom 19th C.



7 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 85 cm

Height : 110 cm

Depth : 51 cm

### Description

This elegant chest of drawers embodies the opulence and artistry of the Napoleon III period in France (1852-1870). While not a true Boulle piece (crafted by the famed Parisian cabinetmaking family), it utilizes the Boulle marquetry technique to create a visually stunning and historically inspired piece.

**Boulle Marquetry:** The defining characteristic is the intricate marquetry work on the facade. This technique involves inlaying thin sheets of brass, tortoiseshell (or a convincing substitute), or other contrasting materials into a background of ebony or other fine wood. The design on this chest of drawers likely features scrolling foliage, floral motifs, or geometric patterns.

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**Materials:** The chest is likely constructed from a wood frame with a black lacquered finish. The marquetry itself uses brass for the lighter elements and a darker material, possibly tortoiseshell or a convincing substitute, as the background.

**Hardware:** The hardware typically complements the overall design and might be made of bronze or a similar metal. Look for details like decorative mouldings along the edges, keyhole in the center of the drawers, and potentially ornamental handles or drawer pulls.

**Style:** Drawing inspiration from the Louis XIV and Louis XV eras, the Napoleon III style is known for its rich ornamentation and use of exotic materials. This chest of drawers exemplifies this with its opulent marquetry work and potentially bronze hardware.