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## French Cabinet From The 19th Century



7 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 120 cm

Height : 108 cm

Depth : 44 cm

### Description

Royal Antique proudly presents this magnificent black rectangular 2-door cabinet in the Napoleon III style (mid-19th century), a superb example of the era's opulent aesthetic. Small and large details are lavishly gilded, creating an antique and luxurious look. Exquisite Materials and Decoration: Ebony/Black Lacquer Finish: The cabinet is likely constructed from ebony or features a rich black lacquer finish, providing a striking contrast to the gilt bronze ornamentation. Gilt Bronze Medallions and Figures: Prominently, two large figures enclosed in oval gilt bronze borders adorn the two doors of the cabinet, representing Apollo, the god of music, and Hermes, the messenger of the gods. Their shared mythological tale of the stolen cattle, Apollo's discovery, Hermes' confession,

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Zeus's amusement, the return of the herd, Hermes' gift of the lyre (made from a turtle shell), Apollo's return gesture of a golden staff, and the subsequent friendship are well-known narratives that speak to themes of reconciliation and the origins of cultural elements.

**Architectural Gilt**

**Bronze Adornments:** Brass medallions are also mounted in the center of each door and adorn the upper front of the cabinet. At the bottom of the cabinet, there is a woman's mask, richly decorated with floral motifs, in particular acanthus leaves. This central motif is completed on the side by a rich ornamentation of caryatids in gilded bronze, adding a classical architectural element to the design.

**Detailed Borders:** The borders that run along the cabinet are all gilded and exquisitely engraved with beautiful patterns, further enhancing its luxurious appeal.

**Form and Feet:**

The cabinet's robust form, with its shaped apron and classical feet, underlines the grandeur typical of the Napoleon III period.

**Interior Features:** The interior of the cabinet is thoughtfully divided into three horizontal shelves, providing practical and ample storage space. This cabinet is a testament to the exceptional craftsmanship and rich decorative traditions of the Napoleon III era. Its historical narrative, combined with its exquisite materials and detailed artistry, makes it a truly magnificent and valuable addition to any discerning collector's home, adding a touch of historical elegance and sophistication to any interior.