



## Cabinet From The Napoleon III Period



10 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

Width : 124 cm

Height : 109 cm

Depth : 40 cm

### Description

Royal Antique proudly presents this elegant cabinet, a striking example of the opulent and refined aesthetic that characterized the Napoleon III period in France (mid-19th century). The cabinet showcases a masterful combination of luxurious materials and exquisite craftsmanship, resulting in a piece that is both visually stunning and functionally versatile. Materials and

Design: Ebony Construction: The cabinet is likely constructed from ebony, a dense and dark hardwood that provides a rich, lustrous black backdrop for its opulent decorative elements. Intricate Gilt Bronze Mounts: It is sumptuously adorned with intricate gilt bronze (ormolu) mounts, a hallmark of the Napoleon III style, adding a touch of luxury and grandeur. These elaborate mounts include:

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Panels: The central doors feature large, oval gilt bronze relief panels depicting classical or allegorical scenes, possibly mythological figures in a pastoral setting.

Floral and Stylized Foliage: Delicate floral motifs, stylized foliage, and intricate scrolls are meticulously applied as framing elements around the doors, on the corners, and along the apron and top

frieze.

Sculptural Caryatids: The corners are flanked by elegant sculptural caryatid figures, adding a classical, architectural

grandeur.

Prominent Central Cartouche: A large, ornate gilt bronze cartouche with further classical motifs dominates the central apron.

Hardstone Inlays: A notable feature of this cabinet is the inclusion of what appears to be circular or rectangular hardstone inlays, likely semi-precious stones such as lapis lazuli, malachite, or agate, strategically placed within the bronze framing.

These inlays create a shimmering contrast against the dark ebony and add a further layer of visual interest and sophistication.

Molded Marble Top:

The cabinet is surmounted by a beautifully molded marble top, which adds a refined and durable surface.

Elegant Feet: The cabinet rests on elegant, shaped feet, also adorned with gilt bronze mounts, further enhancing its refined appearance.

Features and Functionality:

Two Doors for Storage: The cabinet likely features two central doors, offering access to generous storage space within. The interior may be lined with velvet or silk, adding a touch of luxury and sophistication, ideal for displaying cherished objects or storing valuables.

This Napoleon III-style cabinet is a true testament to the high level of craftsmanship and design that defines the period. Its superb quality, luxurious materials, and timeless design make it a truly outstanding and valuable addition to any discerning collector's home, adding a touch of historical elegance and sophistication to any interior.