Boulle Style Commode



8 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 95 cm

Height : 103 cm

Depth : 40 cm

Description

Royal Antique proudly presents this magnificent Boulle cabinet, an exceptional example of French craftsmanship from the Napoleon III period, dating to the mid-19th century. This beautiful and elegant piece of furniture is distinguished by its elaborate ornamentation, luxurious materials, and meticulous attention to detail.Materials and Design:Ebony with Boulle Marquetry: The cabinet is expertly constructed from ebony, magnificently veneered with intricate patterns of brass and tortoiseshell. This highly prized technique, known as Boulle marquetry, was named after the celebrated 17th-century craftsman André-Charles Boulle, who perfected this method. It involves intricately cutting and inlaying brass into tortoiseshell, creating stunning decorative patterns that lend the piece an

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unmistakable richness and sophistication. The contrasting materials create a striking interplay of deep black, vibrant red, and shimmering gold.Richly Gilded Bronze Ornaments: The cabinet is sumptuously adorned with exquisitely chased and richly gilded bronze (ormolu) ornaments. These elaborate embellishments include intricate floral motifs, elegant scrollwork, and various plant-inspired designs, meticulously applied across the cabinet's surface and framing its panels. Many of the brass elements within the marquetry are also gilded, further enhancing the cabinet's opulent and luxurious appearance.Flowing Lines and Architectural Presence: The cabinet features flowing lines and rounded forms, characteristic of the Napoleon III aesthetic, showcasing a harmonious blend of grace and grandeur. Architectural elements, such as fluted or decorated pilasters at the corners and a substantial plinth base, add to its stately presence. A decorative cornice at the top completes the design, often featuring further gilt bronze ornamentation.Central Panel Detail: The central panel, likely a door, is a prominent feature, adorned with a captivating Boulle marquetry design that includes a naturalistic depiction of a fruit-bearing tree with a bird.This Boulle cabinet is a true masterpiece of decorative art, reflecting the grandeur of the Napoleon III style and the exceptional craftsmanship of its era. Combining timeless beauty with a rich historical design, it is a truly outstanding collectible piece, perfect for connoisseurs or anyone seeking to add a touch of historical luxury and refined artistry to their interiors.