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A Louis XV Provençal Mirror Beaucaire Mid-18th Century Circa 1760 - 1770



3 800 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Superbe état.

Material : Gilded wood

Width : 60.2cm

Height : 101.9cm

Description

Louis XV mirror in sculpted and gilded burnished and amati linden wood. Rectangular in shape, this mirror is made up of a mirror mainly encased in mirrors. Laterally decorated with two large voluble linear accolades lifted with leafy olive branches. These are joined horizontally by central reserves of tracery. The pediment receives in the middle part a decoration of a basket filled with figs, bunches of grapes and other foliage in a polylobed cartouche where runs around the periphery of acanthus lines. The horizontal base receives meanwhile in the middle bet a sheaf of olives ; the whole resting on two small sinuous feet wrapped in snails. The main ice as well as the ice sheets consist of a flat glass plate lined with tin and lead immersed in a bath of mercury in order to dissolve them there. Pewter associated

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with lead then giving this warm and luminous side to the so-called "mercury" mirror. It should be noted the delicacy, finesse and nervousness of execution of this most picturesque mirror. The decoration centered on the culture of the olive, tells us more about its origin, very probably an agricultural domain or more precisely an olive grove Observation: This mirror is in a fabulous state of conservation totally from the period. Dimensions: height 101.9cm - width 60.2cm.

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