Napoleon III XIXth Century Desk



8 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Length : 45 cm

Width : 86 cm

Height : 73 cm

Description

Royal Antique is proud to offer this exceptional 19th-century console table, a prime example of the distinctive and luxurious Napoleon III style. This design movement, flourishing during the mid-19th century under Emperor Napoleon III, masterfully combined classical elements with a penchant for ornate and innovative design, brilliantly reflected in this piece.Materials and Exquisite Craftsmanship:Deep Black Lacquer Finish: The table is meticulously crafted from high-quality wood, expertly finished in a deep, lustrous black lacquer. This rich, dark surface provides a sophisticated backdrop, enhancing the visual impact of the decorative elements.Intricate Gilt Bronze Ornamentation: The console is lavishly adorned with elaborate gilt bronze ornamentation, showcasing the period's love for

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sumptuous detail. The decorative composition intricately combines both classical antique and flowing botanical motifs.Striking Central Medallion: A magnificent central gilt bronze medallion, featuring a finely sculpted classical mask, serves as the captivating centerpiece of the apron, adding a unique character and focal point to the piece.Abundant Applied Motifs: The apron and legs are richly embellished with scrolling acanthus leaves, classical architectural elements, and intricate patterns, all in beautifully chased gilt bronze, highlighting the exquisite skill of the bronziers.Elegant Marble Top: The table is crowned with a polished marble top, which offers a durable and luxurious surface, perfectly complementing the deep black lacquer and the radiant gilt bronze.Sturdy and Elegant Construction: The console is supported by four slender, tapered legs, themselves richly adorned with gilt bronze mounts that lead down to decorative toupie feet. The overall design achieves a harmonious balance between robust construction and graceful aesthetics.Stylistic Characteristics and Historical Context:This console table perfectly embodies the Napoleon III aesthetic: it is grand, ornate, and exquisitely detailed. The fusion of styles -- drawing from the symmetry and classical motifs of the Empire style, the fluidity of Rococo, and a unique 19th-century grandeur -- is a hallmark of this period. Such pieces were highly prized by the wealthy and aristocratic classes, designed to enhance the most distinguished salons, grand hallways, or reception rooms in palatial residences.This Napoleon III style console table is not merely a functional item; it is a captivating work of functional art. Its unparalleled beauty, unique combination of materials, and intricate design make it an ideal choice for those who appreciate historical elegance and discerning craftsmanship. This desk will undoubtedly enhance any interior, adding a touch of timeless class and sophisticated grandeur.