



## A Pair Of Candelabras From The 19th Century



4 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 30 cm

Height : 66 cm

Depth : 22 cm

### Description

Important pair of candelabra in gilded and patinated bronze with vestals mounted on marble from the second half of the Napoleon III period. These two candelabras show two vestals from ancient Rome. Each of them wears seni crine and a stola. It is the traditional hairstyle and white tunic of the women in charge of the household and the veneration of Vesta. They carry above their heads a cushion from which emerge seven arms of light, symmetrical with stylized acanthus scrolls supporting a hearth; itself surmounted by a golden wick. Each of the fireplaces is decorated with scrolls of vine leaves. The Vestal Virgins stabilize the whole with their left arm for one, right for the other, their pendants languidly resting on their reeds. Each of them rests on a circular terrace surmounted by a foot in black

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marble with grooves flanked by gilded sausages;  
the whole resting on a curved base punctuated  
with rectangular cartouches at each of the  
cardinal points. In ancient Rome, vestals or  
virgins were priestesses of Vesta, the goddess of  
the hearth. Vestal Virgins enjoyed privileges in  
return for their vow of chastity and their devotion  
to the goddess, who helps protect Rome from the  
wrath of the gods.