Mahogany Wine Cooler, England, 19th Century



6 800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Mahogany

Length : 80 cm

Width : 56 cm

Description

A sumptuous mahogany wine cooler. England, circa 1870. Decorated with two carved tritons on the front. The bowl is inlaid with scrolling foliage on each side and protected by a pewter cover. The base conceals a pair of bronze casters for easy movement. The upper part of his body, down to his waist, is that of a swimming man, the lower part that of a long-tailed fish. The sea god Triton was born from the union of the Nereid Amphitrite, goddess of the sea, with the sea god Poseidon. He lived in a golden palace at the bottom of the sea with his parents. Homer places this palace at the bottom of the Aegean Sea, while the account of the Argonauts locates it on the coast of Libya. Triton appears in Roman myths and epics as the son of Neptune and Salacia.

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