



Large Oval Louis XVI Style Giltwood Mirror, Napoléon III, 19th Century

2 850 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 68 cm

Height : 114 cm

Depth : 13 cm

Description

This large oval mirror is an elegant and decorative example of French craftsmanship from the 19th century, dating to the Napoléon III period and executed in the Louis XVI style. The carved wooden frame is richly ornamented and finely proportioned, featuring a beaded inner edge, delicately carved foliate motifs, and an elaborate crest composed of ribbons and laurel garlands, all emblematic of Louis XVI-inspired decoration popular during the Second Empire. The frame is finished in original gilding with refined polychrome highlights in green, a detail that adds depth, contrast, and visual

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richness to the carving.
This subtle green polychromy enhances the sculptural details and reflects the decorative taste of the Napoléon III era, when such nuanced color accents were frequently used alongside gold leaf. The mirror retains its original mercury glass, presenting natural signs of age such as gentle oxidization and light speckling. These authentic mercury marks soften the reflection and create a beautifully atmospheric surface, highly valued by collectors and interior designers. The gilding and polychrome finish show a harmonious patina, consistent with age and contributing to the mirror's historical character. Designed to be hung vertically, this mirror is well suited for an entrance hall, above a console, in a bedroom, or as a refined focal point in a living space. Its generous proportions allow it to reflect light effectively while bringing timeless French elegance and decorative presence to both classical and contemporary interiors