Large Napoléon III Giltwood Mirror With Laurel Crest, And Aged Glass



3 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 94 cm

Height : 167,5 cm

Depth : 15 cm

Description

This large French mirror dates from the Napoleon III period, mid-19th century and exemplifies the refined historicism characteristic of the era. The richly carved giltwood frame is decorated with classical motifs, including laurel branches, ribbons, floral rosettes and elegant corner scrolls. At the crest, an elaborate wreath tied with crossed ribbons adds a strong architectural presence and recalls the ornamental vocabulary inspired by Antiquity so favored during the Second Empire.The mirror retains its original mercury glass, which has naturally evolved over time. The surface presents a soft, dusty

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reflection, subtly veiled
and slightly clouded, with areas of gentle patina
and age-related marks.
This effect does not obscure the reflection but
instead diffuses it,
creating a poetic, atmospheric quality that is
impossible to reproduce
with modern glass. The result is a mirror that
reflects light and space
while adding depth, character, and a sense of
quiet nostalgia.The
gilding shows a warm, mellow tone, with
nuanced wear consistent with
age, enhancing the authenticity and visual
richness of the piece. Both
decorative and functional, this mirror works
beautifully as a statement
piece above a console, in an entryway, bedroom,
or living space, where
its historic presence and distinctive reflection can
be fully
appreciated.A striking and genuine Napoléon III
mirror, valued as
much for its sculptural frame as for the evocative
character of its
aged glass.