



## 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.