



Boule Style Chest Of Drawers



8 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 95 cm

Height : 103 cm

Depth : 40 cm

Description

Royal Antique proudly presents this magnificent Boule console cabinet, an exceptional example of French craftsmanship from the Napoleon III period, dating from the mid-19th century. This beautiful and elegant piece is distinguished by its elaborate ornamentation, luxurious materials, and meticulous attention to detail. Materials and Design: Ebony with Boule Marquetry: The cabinet is expertly crafted from ebony, beautifully veneered with intricate patterns in brass and tortoiseshell. This highly prized technique, known as Boule marquetry, was named after the renowned French craftsman André-Charles Boule, who perfected it in the 17th century. It involves the painstaking cutting and inlaying of brass into tortoiseshell, creating stunning decorative patterns that lend the piece undeniable

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richness and sophistication. The contrasting materials create a striking interplay of deep black, vibrant red, and shimmering gold. Richly Gilded Bronze Mountings: The cabinet is lavishly adorned with finely chased and richly gilded bronze (ormolu) mounts. These elaborate embellishments include intricate floral motifs, elegant scrolls, and various plant-inspired designs, meticulously applied to the cabinet's surface and framing its panels. Many of the brass marquetry elements are also gilded, further enhancing the cabinet's opulent and luxurious appearance. Flowing Lines and Architectural Presence: The cabinet features flowing lines and rounded forms, characteristic of the Napoleon III aesthetic, displaying a harmonious blend of grace and grandeur. Architectural elements, such as fluted or decorated corner pilasters and a substantial plinth base, add to its stately presence. A decorative cornice at the top completes the design, often adorned with other gilt-bronze elements. Detail of the Central Panel: The central panel, likely a door, is a prominent feature, decorated with a captivating Boulle marquetry motif that includes a naturalistic depiction of a fruit tree with a bird. This Boulle console-cabinet is a true masterpiece of decorative art, reflecting the grandeur of the Napoleon III style and the exceptional craftsmanship of its era. Combining timeless beauty with rich historical design, it is a truly remarkable collector's piece, perfect for connoisseurs or anyone looking to add a touch of historical luxury and refined artistry to their home.