



Tuscan Balestra-form Chest Of Drawers In Walnut Burl With Antique African Marble, Ca. 1740



6 500 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Walnut

Width : 140cm

Height : 88cm

Depth : 57cm

Description

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Tuscan serpentine chest of drawers from the transitional phase between the late Baroque and early Rococo, dating to around 1740. The front and sides are curvilinear and fully shaped, with a clearly defined and continuous movement.

Of particular note is the top in antique African marble, a prized variety with a dark ground marked by deep reddish-brown areas and pronounced natural golden veining. The quality of the slab and the strength of its pattern are uncommon in this typology; a possible reuse of earlier marble cannot be excluded, a practice documented in 18th-century workshops.

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The walnut burl veneer, in a dark tone, is laid in broad fields with a strong, clearly legible grain.

The pattern of the wood relates directly to that of the marble, creating a balanced and materially rich ensemble. Palisander stringing precisely outlines the drawers.

The foot, set in continuity with the leg and without rocaille scrolls, confirms its place within mid-18th-century Tuscan tradition.

A significant example of the Tuscan serpentine chest, distinguished by the quality of its materials and its typological coherence.