



Louis XV Style Marquetry Commode With Breche Marble Top, France 19th Century

3 400 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Walnut

Length : 80 cm

Width : 43 cm

Height : 84 cm

Description

This elegant French two-drawer commode, crafted in the Louis XV style, dates from the Napoleon III period, circa 1860-1880. The piece displays the characteristic bombe form and graceful cabriole legs associated with 18th-century French furniture, enhanced by finely chased gilt-bronze mounts placed at the corners, apron, and feet. The primary structure is crafted from solid oak, a traditional and durable wood commonly used in the construction of fine French furniture. The exterior is veneered in beautifully figured walnut, carefully arranged in a subtle chevron pattern across the facade and sides, creating a warm and refined visual effect. The drawers are decorated with delicate floral marquetry panels centered around a classical urn overflowing with flowers. This decorative inlay

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work is composed of several contrasting woods, including lighter maple and fruitwoods such as pearwood, selected to create subtle variations in tone and depth. Fine string inlays, likely in maple or boxwood, frame the panels and further highlight the quality of the cabinetmaker's craftsmanship. The drawers open smoothly and reveal traditional dovetail joinery typical of high-quality French cabinetmaking of the 19th century. The commode is topped with a striking Breche marble slab, likely Breche d'Alep or a similar decorative breccia marble. Its warm palette of golden yellow, ochre, cream, and reddish tones forms a naturally fragmented pattern that beautifully complements the rich walnut veneer and the gilded bronze mounts. Both decorative and functional, this refined commode perfectly illustrates the elegance of Louis XV-inspired design as reinterpreted during the Napoleon III period and would make a sophisticated addition to a bedroom, hallway, or living room interior.