



Twelve-arm Gilt Bronze And Baccarat Crystal Chandelier, C. 1880



12 500 EUR

Signature : Cristalleries de Baccarat (Signé)

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Crystal

Diameter : 85

Height : 140

Description

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This remarkable chandelier, in the purest Louis XVI style, is distinguished by its finely chased gilt bronze. It features twelve candle arms adorned with delicate botanical motifs: branches, fluting, and foliage. The central column is crafted from crystal.

The crystal decoration is signed by the Cristalleries de Baccarat. It comprises a multitude of elements cut from exceptionally pure white crystal: octagons, rosettes, stars, mirza, plaques, and twelve elegant basins. A rare diamond-point-cut crystal ball crowns this chandelier, adding a touch of refined sophistication.

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A fine example of French craftsmanship from the late 19th century (circa 1880), this chandelier combines artisanal expertise with timeless elegance.

Dimensions:

Height: 55.1 in (140 cm)

Diameter: 33.5 in (85 cm)

Condition:

In very good condition, retaining its original gilded patina. Electrified to European standards; adaptable to American standards.

History of Baccarat

1764: King Louis XV grants Louis-Joseph de Montmorency-Laval, Bishop of Metz, permission to establish a glassworks in the village of Baccarat in Lorraine.

1824: Ismaël Robinet, a Baccarat glassworker, invents a piston air pump that facilitates glassblowing. The following year, Baccarat develops the pressed-molded glass technique.

1855: Baccarat participates in the first Paris Universal Exhibition, showcasing monumental pieces including two candelabras and a chandelier of extraordinary dimensions.

1860: On October 29, Baccarat registers its trademark with the Paris Commercial Court: a decanter, a wineglass, and a goblet inscribed within a circle. Initially printed on a paper label, the stamp is later directly engraved on the pieces.

Baccarat crystal is renowned for its exceptional quality, containing no less than 31.7% lead, and is crafted to the highest standards, free of any defects. This commitment to excellence defines the manufacture.

The Baccarat Crystal Works has endured through generations, remaining a symbol of the French art de vivre.