



Pair Of Potpourri Jars In Porphyry And Gilt Bronze



19 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Bronze

Diameter : 19

Height : 24

Description

An elegant pair of porphyry potpourri vases, richly adorned with gilt bronze. Each baluster-shaped vase rests on openwork bronze bases decorated in the rocaille style. The lids, also openwork and gilt bronze, feature an asymmetrical design of rocaille foliage and scrollwork, surmounted by a foliate motif. Each vase is embellished with two elegant gilt bronze handles. Since antiquity, porphyry has been considered one of the rarest and most prestigious stones. Primarily quarried in Egypt at Gebel Dokhan from Roman times onward, it was associated with imperial power and luxury due to its rarity and deep color. In the 18th and 19th centuries, a taste for antique materials and decorative stones was revived, making porphyry a particularly sought-after material in the

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decorative arts. The combination of porphyry and gilt bronze is characteristic of luxury objects intended for grand interior decoration. These ceremonial objects, prominently displayed on a mantelpiece or console table, served both a decorative and utilitarian purpose. Here, in a potpourri-like arrangement, they held dried flowers, fragrant essences, or aromatic compositions, diffusing a delicate scent throughout elegant interiors. Early 19th-century work in its original gilding. Dimensions: H 24 cm x D 19