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Emile Gallé Art Nouveau Display Case "la Berce Des Près"



29 000 EUR

Signature : Emile Gallé

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Walnut

Length : 72 cm

Height : 170 cm

Depth : 51 cm

Description

An exceptional and prestigious living room display cabinet made of molded and richly carved walnut. This piece of fine cabinetry corresponds to the so-called "deluxe" variant of the famous "umbel" series, cataloged and illustrated on a full page in the reference work by Alastair Duncan and Georges de Bartha, *Gallé Furniture, Antique Collectors' Club*, page 310, plate 46. It is distinguished by sculptural craftsmanship pushed to its naturalistic peak. The Ceremonial Pediment: Unlike classic models with a simple cornice, this display cabinet is crowned by a sumptuous and imposing asymmetrical pediment made of solid wood, entirely carved in openwork, depicting umbels blooming in the wind. The Sculpture in the Round: Inside the cabinet, the structure breaks free from traditional furniture

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design: a masterful umbelliferous stem, carved in relief, emerges from the back to rise up in the center of the display cabinet and spread out to support the cut-out top shelf. The Marquetry Decorations: The back of the cabinet features a large panel inlaid with precious and exotic woods depicting flowering umbellifers beneath a cloudy sky. The solid base of the door features a second marquetry panel with a sinuous floral motif. Architecture & Base: The piece rests on a sinuous, fluted base, reinforced by corner brackets and low crossbars deeply openworked with botanical motifs. The interior shelves feature superb multi-lobed cutouts mimicking the curves of foliage. Signature: Signed "Gallé" in fine marquetry within the design. In perfect condition, with original key and a superb waxed finish