# Napoleon III Walnut Burl Jewelry Box, Signed Giroux, Paris, Circa 1860



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wood marquetry

## Description

Description :This French Napoleon III jewelry box, dating to circa 1860, bears the engraved signature "Maison Alph. Giroux Paris" on its lock plate. Founded in Paris around 1799, Maison Alphonse Giroux originally sold stationery and decorative goods. The firm expanded into cabinetmaking in 1834 and remained in the Giroux family until it was taken over by Duvinage and Harinbouck in 1867.The rectangular case is veneered in walnut burl, with warm amber and chestnut tones and a swirling grain that is especially pronounced across the lid. Inlaid brass stringing frames the lid and front. At the center of the lid, a marquetry cartouche features a blank oval medallion surrounded by scrolling leaves and small pearlescent accents. The shaped brass escutcheon echoes the warm

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tone of the inlaid borders. The box comes with its key.The lid opens on two brass hinges to reveal a single compartment lined in coral-red moiré fabric. A matching twisted cord trims the underside of the lid and the base of the compartment. The veneer and edging show signs of wear visible in the photographs.Dimensions H. 9 cm (3.54 in) W. 21.5 cm (8.46 in) D. 14.5 cm (5.71 in)