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Cabinet Napoleon III Period By Diehl



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gilted wood

Width : 102 cm

Height : 123 cm

Depth : 48 cm

Description

We are delighted to present this magnificent cabinet, a superb example of Napoleon III style, also known as the Second Empire style. This piece showcases a harmonious blend of luxurious materials and intricate craftsmanship, characteristic of the period's grandeur and eclectic aesthetic.Luxurious Materials and Meticulous Design:
The cabinet's main material is ebony with a rich, dark varnish finish, providing a striking contrast to its vibrant gilt bronze mounts. The top of the cabinet is covered with Carrara marble, a popular and elegant combination during this period, adding to its luxurious appeal.The design is highly detailed and consistent:The large top friezes and the smaller bottom friezes are intricately carved with beautiful and delicate

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pearl-shaped patterns. This pearl pattern is a dominant motif throughout the cabinet, also featuring prominently in the framing edge of the front door panels, creating an inexhaustible source of inspiration in this magnificent French cabinet.On either side of the front corner sections of the cabinet, a man's head gilded with fine gold is exquisitely embedded in modillions, from which elegant flowers hang.The corners of the cabinet are further decorated with square rosettes topped with rococo curves and shells, showcasing the fusion of classical and Rococo influences typical of the Napoleon III style.The acanthus leaf motif masterfully completes the decoration of the four front corners of the cabinet.Central Porcelain Painting and Gilt Bronze Adornments:
The central door panel features a captivating medallion with a porcelain painting. This exquisite painting depicts two women with a goat standing near a tree, surrounded by a forest. The bright colors of the porcelain painting bring more life to the dark-tinted ebony cabinet, illustrating the poetic beauty of the people and landscapes of the French countryside. The top of the medallion is elegantly decorated with a laurel wreath with berries and a ribbon bow, a very characteristic motif of the Louis XVI style, demonstrating the period's reverence for earlier classical aesthetics.The cabinet key and escutcheon are also finely crafted in gilt bronze. In addition to the central painting, the doorway is heavily adorned with gilt friezes and decorative angles, all featuring elaborate floral designs. At the bottom center of the cabinet's apron, a magnificent gilt bronze mask of a god-like person is set within an acanthus rosette, adding a powerful classical flourish.Historical Significance and Craftsmanship:
This cabinet is a testament to the revival of 18th-century styles during the Second Empire, particularly the refined elegance of Louis XVI and the intricate details of earlier periods. Its superb execution in ebony, the use of Carrara marble, and the profusion of meticulously cast

and chased gilt bronze mounts, combined with a high-quality porcelain plaque, reflect the demand for luxury and historical grandeur by the elite of Napoleon III's court.Key Selling Points & Unrivaled Collector's Value:Authentic Napoleon III Style: A prime example of Second Empire decorative arts, blending neoclassical and Rococo influences.Luxurious Materials: Crafted from rich ebony, adorned with genuine Carrara marble, and exquisitely embellished with fine gilt bronze mounts.High-Quality Porcelain Plaque: The central hand-painted porcelain medallion, reminiscent of Sèvres porcelain, is a significant artistic feature.Intricate Gilt Bronze Work: Features a profusion of finely cast and chased gilt bronze elements, including pearl patterns, classical figures, floral designs, and a central mask.Historical Echoes: Incorporates stylistic elements from Louis XVI and Rococo periods, reflecting the eclectic taste of the Second Empire.Exceptional Condition: [Provide specific condition details from user or assume good antique condition]Investment Opportunity: A rare and museum-quality piece by a prestigious manufacturer, offering significant long-term value appreciation.