

SA1067664

Antique French Ormolu Mounted Planter Jardiniere 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1067664****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 19 cm (7.5")

Width = 45 cm (17.7")

Depth = 31 cm (12.2")

Description

This is a superb antique French ormolu mounted king wood, amboyna and Gonçalo Alves table jardiniere, circa 1860 in date. This beautiful jardiniere is serpentine in shape with splendid ormolu mounts and pierced ormolu gallery flanked by side handles and a with a lift-out zinc liner. The craftsmanship and finish are second to none. Condition: In really excellent condition having been beautifully cleaned, polished and waxed in our workshops, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 19 cm x Width 45 cm x Depth 31 cm. Dimensions in inches: Height 7 inches x Width 1 foot, 6 inches x Depth 1 foot. Ormolu - (from French 'or moulu', signifying ground or pounded gold) is an 18th-century English term for applying finely ground, high-carat gold in a mercury amalgam to an object of bronze. The mercury is driven off in a kiln leaving behind a gold-coloured veneer known as 'gilt bronze'. The manufacture of true ormolu employs a process known as mercury-gilding or fire-gilding, in which a solution of nitrate of mercury is applied to a piece of copper, brass, or bronze, followed by the application of an amalgam of gold and mercury. The item was then expose...

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