

SA1208503

Antique Pair of French Louis Revival 2 Branch Ormolu Wall Lights C1880

Price

GBP 800

| USD \$1,083 | EUR 936

Item Reference: SA1208503**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

This is an elegant pair of antique French Louis Revival ormolu gilt wall-light sconces, C 1880 in date. Each wall light features a column fluted backplate with a flaming urn crest supporting two elaborate acanthus scrolling arms terminating in circular rose bud drip trays and sconces. Add some French extravagance to your home with these beautiful wall lights. Condition: In excellent condition having been cleaned, fully rewired and tested. Please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 38 cm x Width 28 cm x Depth 13 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 1 foot, 3 inches x Width 11 inches x Depth 5 inches

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 exp...

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