

SA1219569

## French Marquetry Secrétaire Cabinet with Ormolu

Price

**GBP 995**

| USD \$1,344 | EUR 1,164

**Item Reference: SA1219569****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 142 cm (55.9")

Width = 67 cm (26.4")

Depth = 39 cm (15.4")

## Description

A beautifully made French marquetry secrétaire cabinet, dating from around 1880, richly decorated and full of late 19th-century Parisian elegance. The façade is adorned with intricate floral and scrolling marquetry, executed in contrasting veneers that create depth, warmth, and a refined decorative rhythm across the drawers and fall-front featuring an ornate locking key. The cabinet is framed with fine ormolu mounts—crisp, gilded bronze embellishments to the corners, escutcheons, and feet—adding a luxurious highlight to the richly figured wood. The proportions are balanced and architectural, with a marble top completing the piece and giving it both practicality and grandeur. A highly decorative and functional piece, ideal for a hallway, study, or drawing room. Opening the fall-front reveals a beautifully preserved purple velvet writing surface, rich in colour and wonderfully tactile. The velvet adds a luxurious contrast to the marquetry exterior, giving the interior a jewel-box quality typical of late 19th-century French cabinetry. Within the fitted interior sit a series of small drawers, each finished with delicate ormolu handles. The gilt metalwork is finely cast, ad...

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