

SA1225604

19th Century French Empire Walnut Secrétaire (Secrétaire) Cabinet

Price

GBP 995

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Item Reference: SA1225604

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

DESCRIPTION A 19th-century French Empire walnut secrétaire cabinet, combining the appearance of a traditional tall chest with an ingenious arrangement of concealed storage and writing compartments. The moulded top sits above a lift-up compartment, modelled as two dummy drawer fronts and supported by a pull-out slide. Beneath are two drawers with hinged fall fronts opening to reveal shelved interiors, above a further four graduated drawers. The thoughtful arrangement provides a combination of concealed storage, shelving and drawer space, making the cabinet both practical and versatile. The chest retains brass lion's mask ring-drop handles and shield-shaped escutcheons. The locks appear to be original, and the cabinet is accompanied by two working keys. Closely related in form to the French semainier, this is an unusual and well-designed piece that would be equally suited for use in a bedroom, study or hallway. **DIMENSIONS** Height: 162cm Width: 84cm Depth: 63cm **CONDITION** The cabinet is in good, solid condition and presents well overall. There are light marks, knocks and scratches consistent with its age and use. There is some historic movement to the veneer, principally to ...

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