

SA1229059

Grand Pair of Early 19th Century Swedish Blyberg Porphyry Campana Urns

Price

GBP 32,500

| USD \$43,979 | EUR 38,028

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Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 28.5 cm (11.2")

Depth = 28.5 cm (11.2")

Description

A rare pair of finely figured Swedish Blyberg Porphyry Campana Urns of grand scale dating to the early 19th Century. Swedish Circa 1820 This pair of superb large urns are of bell shaped form (campana in Italian) carved from highly figured Swedish Blyberg porphyry, one of the most desirable stones still being mined in Europe at the time of the urns' production. Unusually large at 36cm in height and also rare as a surviving pair with most having been split over the years, these urns are for the connoisseur collector that work equally well in a traditional interior and also a more contemporary one. Over the years, porphyry has entranced everyone from pharaohs and Roman emperors to the likes of William Beckford, George Watson-Taylor and Thomas Hope, not to mention the likes of King George IV who had his agents in Paris purchase this piece for him in the early 19th century <https://www.rct.uk/collection/search#/4/collection/4605/perfume-vase-and-cover> Amongst contemporary collectors the late great collector Philip Hewatt-Jaboor was renowned for his love of porphyry, even going so far as to commission a floor made from the material for his home in Jersey. The prese...

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