

SA524272

Spectacular large pair of French late C19th Louis XVI style 'alabastro fiorito' marble and ormolu bronze mounted vases.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA524272

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 59 cm (23.2")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

Spectacular large pair of late C19th French Louis XVI style 'alabastro fiorito' marble and ormolu bronze mounted vases. High quality large-scale pair of marble vases with stunning figured 'alabaster fiorito' ovoid bodies. Mounted with classical design ormolu bronze rams' head design handles with finely chased detail. The bodies mounted with cast ormolu folal swags and raised upon socle supports onto square block bases all mounted with conforming ormolu decorations. The detachable lids with pierced pastille burner style apertures and surmounted by ornately-cast 'fruiting berry' finials. When removed, the vases each inset with a shallow polished bronze bowl. The highly-figured marble of 'alabastro fiorito' (translating as 'flowering' or 'blooming' relating to the floral style qualities of the stone) found near Hierapolis in Phrygia, Turkey, has always been highly-prized and sought after from times of antiquity. The Romans in particular, greatly valued its striations and decorative value for use in architecture and objects of virtue, and they knew it as 'marmor hieropolitanum'. In excellent original condition with no damage or repairs. Striking large-scale vases ...

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