

SA880704

Antique Pair Sevres Porcelain Mounted Ormolu Candlesticks c.1870 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA880704****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

This is a delightful antique pair of 19th century French Sevres porcelain mounted ormolu candlesticks, C1870 in date. The square bases and plain column stems with tulip sconces decorated with romantic classical landscape panels on a blue scale grounds. There is no mistaking their unique quality and design, which is sure to be cherished by any admirer of ornamental porcelain. Condition: In excellent undamaged and unrestored condition with no chips, cracks or signs of repair, please see photos for confirmation of condition. Dimensions in cm: Height 21 x Width 9 x Depth 9. Dimensions in inches: Height 8 inches x Width 3 inches x Depth 3 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 mer...

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