

SA960397

Antique French Ormolu Onyx Topped Occasional Table 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA960397****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 84 cm (33.1")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Depth = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

An Antique French Ormolu and Onyx occasional table Circa 1880 in date. The circular table features an urn shaped stem, leaf cast scrolled cabriole legs and a decorative onyx top. Add some French sophistication to your home with this amazing table. Condition: In really excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 84 x Width 50 x Depth 50. Dimensions in inches: Height 2 foot, 9 inches x Width 1 foot, 8 inches x Depth 1 foot, 8 inches. Ormolu - Gilt Bronze (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 mercury. The item was then exposed to extreme heat until the mercury burned off and the gold remained adhered to the metal object. Our reference: A3074

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