



A mid-19th century wooden casket inlaid with mother-of-pearl

Circa: 1860

Era: Napoléon III, Circa 1860.

Materials: wood, mother in pearl, brass, tortoiseshell.

Dim: W: 33 cm/ P: 23 cm/ H: 13 cm.

An important dark wood rectangular casket inlaid with mother-of-pearl, tortoiseshell and brass. The lid and the main face of this casket present a rich decoration composed of gilded rinceau, flowers and scrolling foliate. Clear ochre velvet interior.

Boulle marquetry work: This decorative technique uses cut-outs of copper, brass and red tortoise shell cut to form designs in negative and symmetry. Boulle furniture dates back to Louis XIV. Many good copies were produced in the 19th century under Napoleon III.