



Late 19th century pair of vases in marble and gilt bronze

Era: 19th century.

Materials: marble, gilt bronze.

Dim: H 38 cm / W 22 cm / D 19 cm.

A pair of baluster-shaped sea-green marble vases with rich ormolu ornamentation in the Louis XV style, consisting of a profusion of leafy branches animated by flowers, seeds and shells, spreading over the body and forming the handles. In the second half of the 19th century, the upper middle classes of Napoleon III's court dreamt of rediscovering the splendour and elegance of the Ancien Régime. The influence of Empress Eugénie, who had boundless admiration for Marie-Antoinette, was decisive in this new fashion. Wealthy new industrialists picked up on this timely trend. It allowed them to surround themselves with an aristocratic décor, copied from that of the previous century. In the middle of the 19th century, between 1852 and 1870, under the reign of Napoleon III and well afterwards, these "stylish" pieces of furniture and objets d'art appeared, perfect replicas of those created in the 18th century.