

A NAPOLEON III INLAID CAVE À LIQUEUR

Dimensions: H: 11 in / 28 cm | W: 14 in / 35 cm | D: 10.5 in / 27 cm

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A decorative and convivial object of the 19th century, the casket finely veneered with walnut, bois noirci, the bevelled glass sides and top within frames of brass and mother-of-pearl marquetry, the drinks box enclosing a complete service of four cut-crystal stoppered decanters and sixteen matching glasses.
French, circa 1860

Designed to offer a refined presentation of various liqueurs, the ensemble reflects the bourgeois tradition of leisurely luncheons and intimate dinners, where the enjoyment of exceptional digestifs became an art. This period saw a flourishing of herbal liqueurs such as Cointreau, Grand Marnier, and Bénédictine which emerged alongside older favourites like vin de noix and ratafia.