

Circa 1900 French kidney-form side table

£395



REF: 5687

Height: 72 cm (28.3")

Width: 55 cm (21.7")

Depth: 40 cm (15.7")

Description

Circa 1900 French kidney-form marble top, king wood, and ormolu side table.

Ormolu, derived from the French "or moulu" meaning "ground gold," is a gilding technique used to decorate fine furniture, clocks, and other luxury items. Popular in 18th-century France, ormolu involves applying finely ground gold to bronze, resulting in a brilliant, gold-like finish. Often seen in Rococo and Neoclassical styles, ormolu was favored by European royalty and aristocrats for its elegance and opulence. It added grandeur to decorative arts and remains a sought-after collector's item today.