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PAIR OF VASES "À LA TÊTE DE CHÈVRE"



France, Louis XVI period

Green Greek porphyry «serpentine», antic Egyptian gradiorite,
green Egyptian granite «della sedia di San Lorenzo», green Egyptian granite «plasmato»;
Mat gilt bronze

H. 36 cm – W. 21 cm
(14 1/8 in – 8 1/4 in)

Our pair of vases is composed of four varieties of hard stones:

The upper part of a cassolette shape is made in green porphyry from Greece known as Serpentine. Its curved base rests on a column in ancient Egyptian gradiorite supported on both sides by a goat muzzle in gilded and chiseled bronze whose horns forming an elegant loop end on the cylinder and thus seems to support the cassolette . Between the horns, vine leaves and grapes reinforce the naturalism of the representation. The quality of the chasing particularly highlights the fur of the animal and thus gives goat's mittens a high quality of expression. On each side, garlands of flowers connect these heads. This column comes to rest on a round base molded in green granite known as sedia di San Lorenzo. The set rests on a square base in Egyptian green Plasmato granite. A beaded garland circles its base with an acanthus leaf at each corner.

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