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19th Century Pietra-Dura Panel

REF: 5479

Height: 44.5 cm (17.5") Width: 33 cm (13") Depth: 2.5 cm (1")

£8,900 **SALE £6,250**



An exceptionally fine mid-19th Century Pietra-Dura Panel. Italian.

Pietra dura is a term for the inlay technique of using cut and fitted, highly-polished coloured stones to create images. It is considered a decorative art. The stonework, after the work is assembled loosely, is glued stone-by-stone to a substrate after having previously been "sliced and cut in different shape sections; and then assembled together so precisely that the contact between each section was practically invisible". Stability was achieved by grooving the undersides of the stones so that they interlocked, rather like a jigsaw puzzle, with everything held tautly in place by an encircling 'frame'. Many different coloured stones, particularly marbles, were used, along with semiprecious, and even precious stones. It first appeared in Rome in the 16th century, reaching its full maturity in Florence. Pietra dura items are generally crafted on green, white or black marble base stone.

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