

18TH CENTURY FRENCH LOUIS XV WALNUT SERPENTINE “COMMODE TOMBEAU” FROM BORDEAUX

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This elegant antique French commode Bordelaise, also known as a commode tombeau, was crafted in Bordeaux, France, circa 1750. Executed in richly figured walnut, the chest embodies the refined craftsmanship and graceful proportions associated with the Louis XV period in southwestern France. The serpentine façade and pronounced bombé sides create a sculptural silhouette, while the shaped top and flowing cabriole feet lend the piece a sense of movement and balance. The commode features three spacious drawers, each adorned with deeply molded rocaille cartouches and intricate scrolling carvings characteristic of the Bordelais region. The drawers retain their original bronze pulls and escutcheons, adding warmth and authenticity to the façade. Fine hand-cut dovetail construction is visible throughout, highlighting the quality of the cabinetmaker’s work.

The walnut showcases beautiful grain movement and a warm honey-brown patina developed over centuries. The shaped side panels, curved casework, and carved apron further emphasize the sophisticated craftsmanship that distinguishes provincial Bordeaux furniture from its Parisian counterparts. The piece offers generous storage while serving as a striking focal point in a bedroom, living room, or entry hall.

This antique French commode is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with a rich walnut patina and desirable wear consistent with its 18th century origins.

Dimensions: 55.5”W x 26.5”D x 36”H

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