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Large 18th-Century Carrara Marble Country House Mortar

£325

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Description

A superb large-scale Carrara marble mortar, dating from the 18th century and displaying the handsome proportions, reassuring weight, and quietly monumental presence of a fine country-house object. Carved from pale Italian marble with naturally varied grey veining, it has a beautifully softened surface developed through long use and age.

Its generously deep bowl and robust, spreading form suggest it was made for substantial domestic, culinary, or medicinal preparations. Mortars of this quality were essential working objects in well-appointed houses, kitchens, and apothecaries, but the choice of Carrara marble elevated the everyday utensil into an object of enduring elegance. The material's cool tone, durability, and naturally luminous surface made it especially suited to both practical and decorative use.

Now appreciated as a sculptural object in its own right, this imposing mortar would make a wonderful centrepiece in a kitchen, pantry, library, garden room, or country-house interior. It also offers striking contrast when styled with dried flowers, fruit, or contemporary objects, while retaining the authenticity and visual authority of an original period piece.

A highly decorative and useful example of 18th-century domestic marbleware, with a patinated surface, natural veining, and the irregularities expected of a hand-carved object with considerable age.

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