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Rare Pair of Early Biedermeier Satinwood and Ebony Side Chairs, Circa 1820

£2,450

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Description

A fine and rare pair of early Biedermeier side chairs, crafted in satinwood with ebony detailing and dating to circa 1820. Elegant in proportion and beautifully restrained, the chairs embody the clarity, warmth, and exceptional cabinetmaking associated with the earliest years of the Biedermeier period.

The rich, pale golden tone of the satinwood is set off by crisp ebony accents, creating a sophisticated contrast that draws attention to the clean lines and balanced silhouette of each chair. Their refined construction has a quiet architectural quality: decorative without excess, and designed with the emphasis firmly on beautiful timber, proportion, and craftsmanship.

Newly upholstered in patterned cowhide, the seats introduce a confident contemporary note while complementing the warmth of the satinwood and the graphic strength of the ebony. The combination gives these early 19th-century chairs a distinctive versatility, allowing them to sit comfortably within both traditional and modern interiors.

Biedermeier furniture is admired for its elegant simplicity and its focus on fine materials, often anticipating later modern design in its disciplined use of line and form. This rare matching pair offers all the qualities that make the style so enduringly desirable: handsome figuring, restrained ornament, and a beautifully considered silhouette.

Equally effective beside a fireplace, at either end of a console, in a bedroom, or as occasional seating in a drawing room, these chairs would make a distinguished addition to a collection of early European furniture or to a carefully curated interior.

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