

Grotto, Table, Oak, 19 Century, Serpent, Carved, Scroll, Medullary  
Ray

£4,500



REF: 11340

Height: 79 cm (31.1")

Diameter: 69 cm (27.2")

## Description

Lovely, carved detailing the the edge of the top and rococo scrollwork stem and feet which incorporate shell detailing inside the scrolls This table is crisply carved with characteristic grotto ornamentation creating the form with the scrollwork stem and legs carved with shell and other motifs. The top has an unusual 4cm carved acanthus leaf edge. The use of oak shows that, unlike much grotto furniture, it was not intended to be painted and has developed a rich colour and lustrous patina over time. Injecting a sense of lightheartedness and fun into the interior prompting conversation. Grotto furniture became fashionable in the 19th century in large country houses, although few pieces survive.

As early as the 1500's grottoes were constructed as fanciful retreats from reality that appeared throughout Europe. Cool places for Europeans to retreat from the sun and complement Italian Renaissance gardens.

Height : 79cm., 31 inches Diameter : 69cm ., 27 inches The oak top made from four sections of oak with a crisply carved shaped edge. The cabinet maker has selected good timbers and used the medullary rays to create a decorative feature. Supported by a scroll stem terminating with a serpent. On a carved tripod base with scroll feet.