

Second Renaissance 17th century French Walnut Centre Table Slate Top

£15,000



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Height: 86 cm (33.9") Width: 148 cm (58.3") Depth: 76 cm (29.9")

Description

The slate inset is a later, replacement of the original slate, and is surrounded by a walnut frame. The frieze is carved with a geometric motif, derived from architectural design, which is found on furniture of this calibre from the late-16th century. The tapering turnings are a typical late-16th/17th century model and the wide stretchers with deep moulding on the edge. The feet are later replacements. Good original colour and patina. Old worm damage and minor losses.

The slate inset is an unusual feature in furniture from this period. This table was probably conceived as a serving table so that hot dishes could be put directly onto the slate. The frieze is decorated with typical Renaissance ornament. The tapering legs and wide stretchers give the table presence and are also characteristic of this period.