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A striking French 19th century Louis XVI st. patinated bronze and ormolu bust of Menelaus. The bust is raised by a square ormolu base below a fine mottled socle pedestal. The richly chased patinated bronze soldier is draped in period attire tied at his shoulder by a fine patinated bronze fibula. The handsome bearded man wears an impressive helmet with most decorative ormolu accents of birds and mythological creatures.

In Greek mythology, Menelaus was a king of Mycenaean Sparta, the husband of Helen of Troy, and the son of Atreus and Aerope. According to the Iliad, Menelaus was a central figure in the Trojan War, leading the Spartan contingent of the Greek army, under his elder brother Agamemnon, king of Mycenae.





