Saint Barbara, 16 Th



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Period : 16th century

Condition : Complétement raviné,coups de haches collages brulures

Material : Oak

Height : 113cm

Description

Sainte Barbe 16 em the pleating of the clothes is reminiscent of the Flemish or German style she was holding a tower that no longer existsher long curly hair goes down her backbehind a huge iron attachment pointthe headdress was formerly reattached with big nails the eyes have may have been recut formerlythe statue suffered the pangs of the weather it may have remained outside under a niche which exposed it to the weatherit seems to have suffered axe blows in the neck and face it was common in time , the iconoclasts destroyed the images the gouged patina of the wood is extraordinary we can still clearly distinguish the structure of the dresshaving tribal art I am sensitive to this kind of eroded patina like a madagascar or a jorai from vietnamfound in catalonia but it is not spanishThe legend of Saint

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Barbara tells that in the 3rd century in Asia Minor, a very pretty young girl with the first name of Barbara lived, according to the will of her father, recluse in a tower to protect her from her suitors. Having left on a trip, he discovered on his return that she had converted to Christianity. Mad with rage, he tried to immolate her. She fled, he found her and after terrible tortures, had her head cut off. The reply from the sky was not long in coming, the father was struck down on the spot. Since then, Sainte Barbe has become the patron saint of trades facing the dangers of fire and explosions: firefighters, pyrotechnicians and miners celebrate her every year on December 4. A day off for the miners, this day was more than a religious event during which a statue of Saint Barbara was blessed and then lowered into the galleries to grant protection to the workers. On the surface, the party becomes popular and shared by all, all religions combined.