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Old Kilim Soumak, 224 X 284 Cm, Azerbaijan, Caucasus, Hand-knotted Wool/wool, 19th Century



8 600 EUR

Signature : travail caucasien

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wool

Length : 284 cm - 112"

Width : 224 cm - 88"

Description
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"Old Soumak Kilim, Azerbaijan, Caucasus, 224 cm X 284 cm, wool on wool, late 18th to mid-19th century"

Old Soumak in good condition, traces of wear and age, wool on wool, original of the Caucasus. The soumaks are embroideries on kilim. They are woven in various regions of Central Asia, in the east of Turkey, in Iran, and in the Caucasus mainly. The word "soumak" certainly comes from the name of the city where they would have been created, "Sjemacha", located in the region of Kuba in the Caucasus.

As flexible and light as the kilims, they are woven and embroidered flat by sedentary, semi-nomadic, nomadic women to decorate their homes and warm their interiors and also as a dowry gift for weddings.

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Originally, they made them during the cold and harsh winter of these regions of Central Asia, after the planting and harvesting season had passed. Soumaks are not real carpets but rather a kind of kilim, denser and rougher.

They are not reversible because the pile remains long on the back and are often used as table mats or bedspreads.

Our model, with many ethnic symbols and motifs, remains in good condition and has beautiful shimmering colors, including rust, sea coral, blues, greens and the sublime curry yellow. It will delight an amateur, in love with this type of Caucasian work which has become "extremely rare" in such good conditions.

These pieces today can be seen in major collections and museums.

Four large blue medallions and one green, are placed on a rusty field, presenting "Kochaks", rams' horns, "gul", "S" symbol of light, placed in cartouches following each other in the stripes along a wide border dotted with carnation flowers and the design of the motif called goblet.

Certainly the wear is present but on such an artefact that one can consider in very good condition, at the sight of the past years

Dimensions: width: 224 cm (88") x 284 cm (112") long

This Soumak has been professionally and ecologically cleaned.

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The city walls are home to the Palace of the Shirvanshahs, also known as the Palace of the Shirvanshahs, a royal residence dating from the 15th century, and the Maiden Tower or Maiden's Tower, which dominates the city.

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