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Antique Persian Silk Shawl Embroidered In Gold, C. 18th Century

2 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Silk



Description

This exquisite antique Persian shawl, dating back to the 18th century, is meticulously crafted from the finest silk and lavishly embroidered with gold thread. It features intricate calligraphic inscriptions around the perimeter and detailed floral and geometric patterns, representing the pinnacle of Persian weaving craftsmanship. The elegant ligature of the gold-embroidered words is particularly striking; though only some phrases praising Allah are discernible, the inscriptions serve not only as decoration but also hold significant religious meaning.

The embroidery is of exceptional quality, with the reverse side almost indistinguishable from the front--an indication of superior workmanship. Creating such a shawl was a lengthy and labor-intensive process. First, a skilled artisan

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would spend weeks weaving the fabric thread by thread on a hand loom, followed by months of intricate embroidery by another craftsman.

Often, the calligraphic borders were embroidered by one artisan, while floral and geometric patterns were handled by another. This process could easily take over a year to complete.

Antique Persia has long been renowned for its gold and silver embroidery, a technique introduced around two thousand years ago.

Gold-embroidered textiles were highly prized both in Asia and Europe, accessible only to the wealthiest individuals. The technique, known locally as zaribafi, is now a dying art, with few true masters remaining. This makes such a piece a rare find for discerning collectors.

Dimensions: Length 210 cm, Width 50 cm

Condition: The shawl shows its age, with a tear in the middle that appears to have been carefully sewn up many years ago. While the center still shows a tear, it is clear that the silk was handled with great care and reverence, preserving its rarity and value. Though washing could enhance its appearance, we prefer to maintain its antique condition.

Please examine the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance. Please note that shipping costs include labor, packaging, and postage.