



## Left Hand Dagger, Late 16th Century, Southern Italy



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Period : 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Length : 32 cm

Width : aux quillons 11 cm

### Description

This left hand ring dagger can be dated to the first half of the 17th century, or the last quarter of the 16th century. it is probably from South Italia, although a spanish origin is also possible.

**BLADE:** After a ricasso of 2.5 cm, it takes a diamond shape up to the tip. Note at the level of the ricasso the presence of a hallmark. This mark is known, it is cited in the catalog of the "Real Armeria de Madrid". Sword no. G.46, dated from the first half of the 16th century, bears an absolutely identical mark. And the blade of a pontifical sword given by Paul V in 1618 also bears almost the same mark.

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Length of the blade = 19.6 cm, width at the

ricasso = 1cm, thickness at the

ricasso = 8 mm

**GUARD:** It is a ring guard, the

large quillons of which are slightly curved

towards the blade. The quillons

end, after an 8-faceted part, with a small flattened

button.

**POMMEL:** It is conical in shape,

topped with a small button on which the tang of

the blade is riveted.

**GRIP :** it is made of

dark wood, striated longitudinally and is

decorated with square brass nails

alternating with barely visible bone pellets and

numerous brass nails. This

type of decoration is often seen on italian

weapons dating from the 16Th- and

17th centuries.

The shape of the grip which is called "turnip"

allows,

through its widening, excellent handling in a

minimum space requirement.

This is typically the type of dagger which was worn

in "italian

fashion", which means hidden behind the back of

the owner

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