

Pair Of Spanish Percussion Pistols, Early 19th Century



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Period: 19th century

Condition : Très bon état Material : Wrought iron

Length: 17 cm

Description

cased pair of Spanish percussion pistols from the early 19th century, housed in their original fitted wooden case lined with green baize. These pistols feature elaborately engraved steel hardware (with floral and geometric motifs) and uniquely sculpted hammers in the form of dogs' heads - a distinctive decorative motif found on Spanish firearms circa 1820-1840

Matched pair of single-shot percussion cap pistols (caplock ignition), Spanish manufacture circa 1820-1840.

Steel lock plates and furniture engraved with intricate foliate scrollwork and geometric patterns.

Hammers fashioned as stylized hunting dogs (a zoomorphic "dog's head" design typical of Spanish arms of this periodchristies.com).

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Wooden stocks (likely walnut) with fine diamond-pattern checkering; steel butt caps on the grip bases.

Original wooden case with form-fitted compartments for the pistols, interior lined in green baize cloth.

Very good condition: mechanically functional with a strong, tight action and no looseness in the fittings (note: ramrods are absent).

The use of a percussion cap mechanism (introduced in the 1820s) places the manufacture of these pistols firmly in the 19th century - likely in the first few decades, after the flintlock eraproantic.com. The decorative style, combining leafy scroll engravings with geometric motifs, reflects early 19th-century design trends (late Neoclassical to Romantic period). The dog-shaped hammer design is especially associated with Spanish gunmaking of this era and may point to production in a regional center such as Eibar in the Basque Countryproantic.com. Eibar was a major hub of Spanish arms manufacture known for its quality; gunsmiths from Eibar (for example, Ybarzabal) even supplied the Royal Factory of Toledo and the Spanish Royal courtproantic.com, attesting to the high craftsmanship of their firearms.

Dimensions: pistol length - 17 cm; case - $6.5 \times 26 \times 18$ cm.