Repoussé Copper Teapot. Japan Or China, 19th Century.



450 EUR

Signature : Qing Meiji

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Length : 20cm

Height : 12 et 16cm

Description

Repoussé copper teapot. Japan or China, 19th century. The teapot is made of hammered copper, cast bronze, and silver; it is finely chiseled with a design of cranes in flight among stylized plants. It is worth noting that some motifs have only chiseled outlines, while others are slightly recessed, creating a subtle and very elegant contrast. The teapot has a plump shape and a generous capacity; moreover, the spout was designed for perfect pouring--indeed, it is impossible to spill even a single drop, even intentionally. This is, unfortunately, unusual. The style might suggest Japanese craftsmanship, but inside the lid, hidden on one edge, are six Chinese characters that we haven't been able to satisfactorily translate. It seems they provide information about the teapot's capabilities rather

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than an artist's signature; this method of marking is not Japanese but rather Chinese. Furthermore, Japanese teapots are never signed in this way, but always on the outside, underneath, or under the lid. In addition, the meticulous work of the handle, a braid of lacquered bamboo fibers, does not appear to be Japanese. The handle knob, made of two soldered parts, is silver; its design allows for heat retention for comfortable use. Qing or Meiji period. Beautiful patina. Good used condition. Length: 20cm Height: 12cm (16cm with handle)