



Large Copper Brewing Vat Or Vessel, France, Circa 1820



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Width : 79

Height : 48

Depth : 67

Description

This impressive French copper kettle, dating from around 1820, is a remarkable relic of the early 19th century, a time when copper vessels were essential tools for home and artisanal brewing. Its slender cylindrical shape, generous capacity, and beautifully patinated surface speak of decades of use, while the craftsmanship reflects the robust metalworking traditions of rural France. The warm patina of the copper, enriched by time, oxidation, and gentle wear, gives the piece a depth and authenticity that only two centuries of history can create. Hand-crafted from thick sheets of copper, the kettle features a rolled rim, sturdy side handles, and a functional spout near the base--details that reveal its primary function as a vessel for heating, brewing, or serving liquids. The metal has developed a rich patina, with subtle

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variations in color and texture that highlight the hammer marks and shaping techniques of its maker. Slight signs of use remain visible, adding character without compromising the piece's sturdiness. The brass tap, with its natural oxidation, offers a beautiful contrast to the warmth of the copper. Around 1820, copper kettles like this one were essential in French kitchens, farmhouses, and small breweries. Copper's excellent thermal conductivity made it an ideal material for preparing large quantities of food, brewing beer, or heating water. These vessels were often passed down through generations, prized for their durability and the patina they developed over time.