



Black Forest Corner Shelf - 19th Century



450 EUR

Signature : Forêt Noire

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 47 cm

Height : 80 cm

Depth : 33 cm

Description

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Charming carved wood corner shelf, richly adorned with animal decorations. The top is embellished with shells, and with its finely carved pheasants and hunting dogs, embodies all the charm of this 19th-century alpine furniture. Some of these shelves have been attributed to the Alps for centuries. Long attributed to the German Black Forest, these productions are actually the work of craftsmen in Brienz, Switzerland, a mecca for 19th-century woodcarving. Born in a difficult context, particularly after the famine of 1817, this craft production quickly became an essential source of income for the inhabitants. Made in the evenings by the fireside, these objects seduced travelers on the Grand Tour, who brought them back as typical souvenirs of the Alps. This craze

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for handicrafts was a major factor in the local economy. This infatuation with Alpine aesthetics spread throughout Europe, even inspiring Queen Victoria, who had a Swiss chalet built on her Osborne estate. Brienzen thus gained international renown for his naturalistic sculptures, blending hunting scenes and local fauna, which are highly sought-after today. A decorative object full of character, ideal for a chalet atmosphere, chic countryside or cabinet of curiosities. Beautiful patina, handcrafted, authentic piece.