



## Pair Of Chilean Huaso Wood Stirrups From The Late 18th Century, Adorned With Inlaid Irons.

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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood



### Description

Description: A rare pair of late 18th century Chilean huaso stirrups, masterfully hand-carved from solid wood and adorned with finely worked silver inlaid irons. These traditional stirrups were an essential part of the equestrian equipment of the Chilean huasos, legendary horsemen from central and southern Chile, considered the South American counterparts of North American cowboys. Completely carved from a single block of wood, the stirrups adopt the characteristic closed shape, traditionally designed to protect the rider's feet and boots while riding through rugged landscapes. Their robust silhouette is softened by an elegant decoration of carved motifs and intricate details, testifying to the high level of craftsmanship associated with Chilean equestrian objects of the colonial era. The iron footrests are

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delicately adorned with silver inlays, adding refinement and contrast to the warm patina of the wood. This combination of noble materials and functional design testifies to the fusion of Spanish colonial influence and local craft traditions that characterized Chilean decorative arts in the late 18th century. Beyond their utilitarian function, these stirrups embody the vivid cultural identity of the huaso tradition, closely linked to the history of Chilean rodeo, rural festivals and aristocratic equestrian culture. Today, authentic 18th-century examples are increasingly rare, especially in such a remarkable state of preservation. An exceptional pair for collectors of equestrian antiques, Latin American colonial art, folk art or ethnographic objects. Dimensions (each stirrup): Height: 20 cm Width: 17 cm Depth: 14 cm Condition: Good antique condition, with traces of wear consistent with age and use. Beautiful antique patina throughout. Well-preserved wood, iron and silver inlay decoration.