



Large Hunting Dagger Germany 16th Century

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Period : 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 58 cm



Description

This large hunting dagger is from Germanic origin, dating from the 16th century. It has undergone ancient transformations since it is probably a short hunting sword with a modified cross guard. The engraving is typical of 16th-century German hunting swords, and the blade is exactly the kind of blades found on war rapiers of the period. The presence of a "finger" at the ricasso level, is an interesting feature, reminiscent of hunting and war daggers (Bauernwehr) from 15th and 16th century in Germany. **BLADE:** after a strong 3.5 cm ricasso, at which we find fixed (probably screwed) the "stop finger" which prevents the weapon from going deeper into the boot when the weapon is carried, the blade takes on a diamond-shaped cross-section with a thin central fuller on the first

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half. On each side, inside this fuller ,an inscription that appears to be a succession of crosses and dots. Length of blade = 46 cm, width at ricasso = 2.2cm, thickness at ricasso =8.5 mm

CROSS GUARD : It is made of chased iron, with slightly worn engravings. It shows on the central part of the cross guard representation of an Ibex (or a stylized deer?) standing on its hind legs. The shape of this guard is curious and asymmetrical : the curving branch of the guard in the shape of a volute is original, but the other one seems to me to be an early transformation made to hang the weapon from the hunter's boot. This pointed part could also serve to immobilize the prey.

GRIP : It is made of a single piece of chiselled steel, with the same representation of the same animal horns pointing backwards. If this animal is indeed an ibex the object's geographical origin is probably from the Bavarian Alps. The overall impression of this weapon is one of strength and evokes 16th century hunting.

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