



Suji Bachi Kabuto Decorated With Shakudo



28 000 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Description

Shakudo Sofukurin-style mounted helmet. A remarkable example of a 62-slat suji-kabuto, this helmet, mounted in the sofukurin style, features generous use of shakudo, a precious copper and gold alloy renowned for its black patina with midnight-blue highlights. An emblematic material of Japanese silversmithing, shakudo lends a luxurious visual depth and rare elegance to the ensemble. The front and back plates are made entirely of this noble metal, each adorned with finely chiseled shinodare and delicate details that testify to workmanship of exceptional quality. The harmony between the dark surfaces of the shakudo and the sculpted lines creates a visual effect of great sophistication, revealing a helmet intended for a man of high rank and wealth. The bomb, of akodanari form, is an ancient family

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heirloom, probably forged during the Muromachi period, then sumptuously enhanced in the XVIIIe century by this shakudo case. This combination of ancient core and luxurious Edo mounting perfectly illustrates the Japanese tradition of preserving prestige pieces while adapting them to the tastes of the time. The kabuto is accompanied by a reisei-type mask, in patinated steel, which forms a perfectly coherent and visually powerful whole with the helmet. A small kuwagata maedate rests on a finely engraved maedate-dai, also in shakudo. The deliberate discretion of this maedate underscores the intention not to distract attention from the helmet's ornamentation,