



Antique Savoie Muleteer Plaque, Vallet Joseph, Dated 1838



500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Brass

Diameter : 16.6 cm

Description

An attractive antique French brass muleteer's plaque (plaque muletière), engraved with a traditional radiating rosette and star motif enclosed within concentric borders. The plaque bears the engraved inscription: Vallet Joseph 1838. A further inscription appears around the lower border but is now too worn to be read with certainty. Plaques of this type were mounted on the harnesses of mules and were both decorative and symbolic, often identifying the owner and serving as a mark of pride. Such plaques formed an important part of the material culture of rural and mountain communities where mule transport played an essential role. This example retains its original hinged attachment and displays attractive hand engraving throughout. The date of 1838 places it firmly

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within the first half of the nineteenth century when mule transport remained vital throughout the French Alps and other mountainous regions. This plaque is one of three antique muleteer plaques from the same collection currently offered for sale. Diameter: 16.6 cm. Good condition with age-related wear and patina. Wear to parts of the inscription consistent with age and use. **SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY** It is possible to pay in installments. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk. Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français. Any questions will be answered promptly. **MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY.** I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing -- I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask.