



Terracotta Oil Bowl, Tuscany, Late 19th Century.



900 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta

Diameter : 88

Height : 63

Description

Large terracotta oil basin, Tuscany, late 19th century. The wide, flared shape, with a pronounced rim and sides decorated with a relief pattern of repeating waves, is an authentic example of the rural Tuscan tradition associated with olive oil production. These containers were used for the initial decanting of freshly extracted oil: the oil was collected in the basin and left to rest in a cool place; once the sediment had settled to the bottom, the clear, clean portion was decanted into the final jars for storage. The heavy lid, originally made of wood or iron, protected the contents from light, dust, and insects. Used in Tuscan oil mills and sharecropping farms until the early decades of the 20th century, these basins retain all the charm of traditional rural craftsmanship to this day. Available in various

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sizes and also in pairs, they are ideal as decorative elements for interiors, gardens, courtyards, or spaces with a rustic and authentic style. In good overall condition, with signs of wear consistent with its use and age.