



Large Apothecary Mortar Made Of Red Languedoc Marble, 18th Century, Pharmacy, Baroque Medicine



950 EUR

Signature : école Française

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Marble

Length : 35

Width : 35

Height : 18

Description

Large apothecary mortar made of red Languedoc marble, likely from Caunes-Minervois, dating from the 18th century. A very beautiful antique piece, circular in shape, with a deep bowl and four protruding handles arranged around the rim. The mortar is carved from marble veined with red, white, gray, and pink hues, characteristic of Languedoc marbles, for which the quarries of Caunes-Minervois are among the most famous. The design is simple and functional, but the material lends the piece a remarkable presence. The red veins, white areas, and gray patches create a very lively surface, with an antique patina, signs of use, and interior wear that attest to its actual use. This type of mortar was used in apothecaries, for medicinal preparations, in herbal shops, or in large historic kitchens to

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grind plants, powders, minerals, or ingredients. Its four-handled shape, weight, the depth of the bowl, and its substantial size make it a highly sought-after decorative piece--at once an object of historical use, a scientific instrument, an apothecary's item, and a curiosity cabinet piece. The mortar is presented with an antique glass pestle, visible in the photographs. Dimensions: Total width including handles: 35 cm. Height: 18 cm.