



19th Century French Yellow Glazed Terracotta Gargoulette Water Jug

390 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Terracotta



Description

A charming 19th-century French terracotta gargoulette, traditionally used for keeping drinking water naturally cool during the warm summer months. Probably produced in southern France, possibly in Provence or the South-West, this beautifully handcrafted vessel embodies the rustic elegance of regional folk pottery.

Its generously rounded body is partially coated with a rich honey-yellow lead glaze, while the lower section has been left unglazed, allowing the porous earthenware to cool the water naturally through evaporation. The vessel features two spouts: a wide opening for filling and a narrower one for pouring or drinking, together with a large arched handle that provides a comfortable grip while enhancing its distinctive silhouette.

Entirely hand-thrown, the gargoulette displays the

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subtle irregularities, firing marks and glaze variations that collectors appreciate in authentic country pottery. Rather than striving for perfect symmetry, these pieces were created for everyday use, giving each example its own individual character.

The surface presents an attractive, time-earned patina with small glaze losses, chips and signs of use consistent with its age, all of which contribute to its authenticity and decorative appeal. Today, it makes a wonderful statement piece in a farmhouse kitchen, Mediterranean-inspired interior or collection of French provincial pottery. A beautiful example of traditional French folk ceramics, combining practical ingenuity with timeless rustic charm.

H: 25 cm (9.84 in)

W: 20 cm (7.87 in)

Ø: 17 cm (6.69 in)