



Oriental Liquid Vessel Made Of Engraved And Nielled Silver



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Eastern Anatolia, the Ottoman Caucasus, or Iran
Late 18th - first half of the 19th century, circa 1780-1840
Silver or high-silver alloy
Dimensions: 18.5 × 10 cm | Thickness: 33 mm | Weight: 250 g
A portable flask for liquids, intended to hold alcohol or oil, with a highly flattened pear-shaped form, made of silver or a high-silver alloy. Its particularly slim thickness of 33 mm allowed it to be carried comfortably against the body. Both sides are entirely adorned with a design engraved with a chisel, set against a niello background. The composition, arranged symmetrically around a central axis, combines fleurons, palmettes, and plant scrolls arranged in coiling patterns. It is framed by several concentric borders composed of star-shaped friezes and geometric motifs. The wide neck is fitted with a screw cap carved in the

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shape of a stylized feline head, also covered with finely engraved and nielloed decoration. Its antique screw thread is hand-cut. The absence of a narrow spout and a measuring device rules out its use as a powder flask. Two side rings allow the bottle to be hung and carried. Very good overall condition. Very beautiful, uniform antique patina. The decoration is executed with remarkable finesse.