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18th-century Hunting Dagger With A Lock Mechanism

3 800 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Metal

Length : 65cm, lame 53cm



Description

An 18th-century hunting dagger combining the effectiveness of a bladed weapon with the safety of a pistol. These weapons, which were highly prized at the time, are commonly known as "system daggers" or "dagger-pistols." They were intended for hunting large game, such as deer or wild boar, by striking the heart, according to tradition. But since, under hunting conditions, a large stag or an old wild boar might not be very cooperative and could pose a mortal danger to the hunter, it was useful to have a firearm on hand for safety. This type of hunting dagger remained very popular until around the end of the 19th century, reaching its pinnacle in the famous Dumonthier daggers. The handle is made of brown horn with brass fittings. The pommel is shaped like a dog's muzzle. The ferrule incorporates the trigger guard.

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and the hammer of the pistol. It is extended by a protective shell adorned with a stag in the forest. The guard is richly carved with a hunting scene. Simple guard branch. The entire piece is profusely chiseled with arabesques and screwed onto the tang of the blade. The blade is engraved at the heel over a 10-cm length with a foliage interlacing pattern. It has a single hollow edge and a groove, and is flat on the back. It is secured with screws to the trigger guard of the pistol. The flintlock pistol is known as a "Scottish-style" or "chest-style" pistol. The chest actually forms the core of the grip. The barrel, adorned with reinforcing ribs, extends the grip toward the guard. The scabbard is made of thick, blackened leather. The pommel and its belt-fastening button are beautifully carved. The hilt is decorated in a matching style. This weapon is in near-mint condition. The leather of the sheath may have been replaced.