



Rare Bronze Mortar With Ten Inverted Fins - Spain, 15th Century



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Bronze

Width : 14cm

Diameter : 6cm

Height : 8cm

Description

Mortar in cast bronze, cylindrical in form, with thick walls and an irregular surface typical of Iberian workshops of the late Middle Ages. The body is structured by ten inverted vertical fins, arranged with slight asymmetry. Their downward orientation and robust profile indicate an early utilitarian typology, predating the more decorative Renaissance models. Two rectangular lug-handles are cast into the body, each fitted with a separately made ring. Their heavy, unrefined insertion corresponds to Castilian production of the fifteenth century, executed using the lost-wax technique. The surface shows a deep brown patina with lighter highlights along the edges, the result of natural oxidation and an old cleaning. The interior displays circular wear consistent with prolonged use for

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grinding. Dimensions Height: 8 cm Mouth diameter: 6 cm Total width including handles: 14 cm Weight: 1,500 g Spain, Castile or León, circa 1420-1480. Reference Artcurial, Paris, sale n°1755, lot 108: Spanish bronze mortar, fifteenth century . Link: www.artcurial.com Comment This mortar belongs to the Iberian utilitarian tradition of the fifteenth century, recognisable by its inverted fins, massive lug-handles and rustic casting. Examples with ten inverted fins are uncommon and reflect an early phase of production preceding the more architectural forms of the Spanish Renaissance. Condition Good overall condition. Old, even patina. Interior wear consistent with use. No visible restoration.