



Antique Cast-iron Mortar, Small Apothecary Model, Late 15th-early 16th Century -- Patina From Use



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 14cm

Diameter : 8,5cm

Height : 8cm

Description

Mortar in old cast metal, probable Spain or southern France, late 15th-early 16th century. Small table or apothecary model, solid and dense, with a homogeneous brown-olive patina and signs of long use. Height 8 cm, weight 1 450 g. The piece has a short, thick-walled body with lateral passing-rings and vertical ribs typical of pre-industrial castings. The interior shows carbonaceous deposits and pitting consistent with prolonged use (herb grinding, organic residues). Around the rim there are concentric machining rings from a later trimming of the edge, together with small points related to the moulding and hand finishing. Patina and oxidation (localized verdigris) are consistent with natural ageing. Dating and origin: typology and sand-mould casting technique point to a late

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15th-early 16th century production; probable Iberian (Castile) or southern French origin. Use: small apothecary or liturgical mortar. Condition: signs of use and old corrosion; rim trimmed by machining; possible old repairs. See macro photos for details.