



Large Pair Of Wrought-iron Andirons From The Early 17th Century, Dated 1612



800 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Très bon état

Height : 102 cm

Depth : 65 cm

Description

Standing 102 cm tall, this pair of 17th-century landiers (or andirons) belongs to the category of monumental pieces, intended for the large fireplaces of castles, manors, or mansions during the reigns of Louis XIII and Louis XIV. Materials and Craftsmanship Solid wrought iron: the vertical structure and the trestle are hot-forged with a hammer, preserving the raw, weathered appearance characteristic of High Middle Ages blacksmithing. The rotating bowl mechanism: Each bowl consists of a pivoting disc, supported by three forged and twisted arms. Each is mounted on a pivot pin at the top of the vertical stem. Historical use: the bowl was positioned over the embers to warm or keep broths, mulled wine, or sauces at the right temperature, then swiveled outward for serving without burning oneself.

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Architectural and Functional Elements The base: a wide base formed of double volutes in wrought iron or "goose-foot" legs with fern-patterned decoration to ensure the stability of such a tall piece. The shaft (column): a vertical, forged square shaft dated 1612 that tapers slightly toward the top. The spit hooks: length of the shaft are several tiered hooks used to hold therocasting spits at different heights depending on the intensity of the fire. The fire bar: at the rear base, an imposing horizontal wrought-iron bar extends into the firebox to raise the heavy logs and allow air to circulate. A key factor: The explicit date (1612): Morethan 95% of ironwork from this period is undated. A datethis clearly legible provides a rare guarantee of authenticity.