



Namakdan (salt Bag). Bathiyari / Persia. Circa 1900. 58 X 40 Cm



320 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wool

Length : 58 cm

Width : 40 cm

Description

Salt pouch, Namakdan. Bakhtiari, Chahar Mahal, Western Persia. Circa 1900. An essential item for nomadic life. The namakdan was used to store and transport salt, an essential commodity for nomadic communities. It was used for daily consumption, but also to feed the herds, for which salt provided a mineral supplement not always found in sufficient quantities in the pastures. Designed to accompany the nomads on their journeys, this pouch met a practical need while also reflecting the care taken with everyday objects. A Remarkable Construction. The front is made using the sumak technique, which gives the design its relief and striking appearance. On the back, a series of polychrome horizontal bands, woven in a simpler pattern, contrasts with the richness of the front. The overall design reveals

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an ingenious construction, tailored to the object's intended use. A rare example with its handles. The side handles are still intact. This is a valuable detail: these elements were particularly vulnerable to strain and tearing over time. Their preservation now allows us to more clearly understand the shape and manner in which this pouch could have been carried or fastened. A warm color palette. Wine-red and deep brown tones dominate the composition. Shades of ivory and ochre brighten the motifs, while subtle touches of green and blue add further accents. The overall effect maintains a subdued harmony, enlivened by the natural variations in hue. Namakdan, salt pouch. Bakhtiari, Chahar Mahal, Western Persia. Mixed media. Wool on wool. Plant-based dye. Circa 1900. Dimensions: 58 × 40 cm. Choosing an antique rug or textile is often a serendipitous encounter. If this piece catches your eye, or if you'd like more information or photos, I'd be happy to discuss it with you. Laurent Consul. Beauty of Kilims. 06 42 61 73 46