15th-century Medieval Rondel Dagger



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Metal

Length : 42.2

Description

15th-Century Medieval Rondel DaggerThis remarkable medieval wheel-handled dagger is one of the most interesting and refined pieces in the collection. The high quality of its craftsmanship, combined with the subtle incorporation of fleurs-de-lis among floral motifs, suggests an Italian or Spanish origin.Designed for a noble or high-ranking figure, this weapon is distinguished by the refined details of its mount. When sheathed, the dagger revealed a special secret: a multifaceted blade, an extremely rare feature.The hilt consists of a solid ebony grip and a circular guard, adorned with floral motifs and fleurs-de-lis--a design that extends onto the base of the blade. The pommel, which crowns the entire piece, is decorated with a battle scene as well as elements representing weapons and

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armor; traces of gilding are still visible. The fact that the hilt and pommel have some play, and that the pommel is slightly tilted, indicates that this dagger was used in combat. These clues, combined with the slightly bent tip, attest to this weapon's unique history. This type of dagger was primarily intended for thrusting--to pierce or stab--and was used in particular to neutralize a dismounted knight in armor by targeting vulnerable points such as the slits in the helmet, the groin, the armpits, or other critical areas.The blade is remarkably well-preserved. The technical mastery required to forge such a blade while maintaining its strength attests to exceptional expertise in the art of blacksmithing. The faceted structure not only made the weapon lighter but also enabled it to inflict devastating wounds.Specifications:Total length: 42.2 cmBlade length: 30.4 cmWeight: 450 g