Large Chocolate Pot -- Silversmith Ange René Rouvière -- Avignon, Ca. 1760



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Signature : Ange René Rouvière, reçu maître en 1750

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Height : 26

Description

Large chocolate pot Solid silverSide handle in blackened woodSilversmith Ange René Rouvière, admitted as a master in 1750Avignon, circa 1760-----H 26 cm923 g netIn very fine condition -----HallmarksThe hallmarks are partially worn but remain identifiableo City hallmark for Avignon (crowned "A," two grains)o Master's mark (R under a crown, one heart) [Cassan 1984, p. 48]The master's hallmark is struck twice, as was customary. Rouvière's hallmark features a small imperfection on the central prong of the crown, a detail also found on more finely engraved hallmarks (see private website for more detailed photos)-----Ange René Rouvière is known for the quality of his pieces. This model, common in the North, is, however, extremely rare in Avignon. In his book, Cassan illustrates a plain

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silver pitcher by Rouvière that exhibits all the characteristics of our piece, in the design of the spout, the feet, and the molding on the handle [Cassan 1984, p. 49].-----Bibliographyo Claude Gérard Cassan, The Silversmiths of Avignon and the Comtat Venaissin, excerpt from the journal *Art et Curiosité* nos. 93 and 94, Vincennes 1984-----We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Bastien Lancelot for his invaluable assistance in identifying these hallmarks!