Leather And Wrought-iron Missal Case - France, 15th Century

7 500 EUR



Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Description

Leather and wrought-iron missal case - France, 15th centuryTechnical DetailsCategory: Boxes, cases, caskets / Medieval Art ObjectsPeriod: 15th century (Late Gothic)Origin: France (Loire Valley / Île-de-France)Materials: Wooden core, molded leather, wrought iron, period fabricDimensions: 26.5 cm (length) × 18 cm (depth) × 15 cm (height)Condition: Excellent period condition. Original patina intact. Contemporary key included.DescriptionAn important and elegant case for a missal or for transporting prints, made in France in the second half of the 15th century.The object features a rectangular wooden structure entirely covered in period leather, protected by a series of vertical wrought-iron reinforcing bands, secured with rivets and round-headed nails. The vaulted

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(barrel-shaped) lid is topped by its original articulated wrought-iron handle.The front side retains the original wrought-iron lock plate, featuring vertical guides, and the hinged locking hook (morillon), finely engraved with spikelet (or herringbone) plant motifs. An extremely rare feature: the casket has retained its original period wrought-iron key.The interior retains its original period fabric/fiber lining, which bears the imprint of a devotional image or engraving (print) that is no longer present today. This is a characteristic type of 15th-century French casket, used as portable oratories during travels related to private devotion (Devotio Moderna).An antique piece of high museum quality and of great interest to collectors of medieval art.