18th-century Fruit Knife



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Other

Length : 11,9

Description

18th-century fruit knife with a vermeil blade bearing two hallmarks on one side--one marked "EG" above a star and surmounted, it appears, by a flame--and, on the other side, a hallmark that is more difficult to read. The blade is mounted on a spring that tapers from the pivot to the tang and is finely chiseled. The spring is very firm, and the blade locks securely in place. The scales consist of three sections of tortoiseshell, separated by two diagonal bands featuring four gold lines. There is a tiny chip in the gold on one of the bands on one side and a small chip in the gold on the ferrule covering the tang. Green shagreen sheath in exceptional condition. While the EG hallmark remains to be identified, this knife is a superb example of 18th-century fine cutlery. Length when closed: 11 cmLength when open: 20.6

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cmSheath length: 11.9 cm