



Pistolet De Duel Finement Ciselé

1 100 EUR

Signature : Liège

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 40.5 cm



Description

This is a nice duelling pistol, from the years 1820-1850

The 2 characteristics of duelling pistols are that they are made by pair, and they don't have ramrod.

This is absolutely the case with this pistol. On the barrel and on the metallic part on the top of the stock, we find a number "1", which means that it belongs to a pair. There is no place for any ramrod on the stock.

BARREL : This is a "Damascus" barrel called also "rubanné" (i.e; "made of ribbons of steel"). It has 8 sides, and is massive and in a good state. The front sight can be regulated.

On one side, we find the official control punchmark of the city of Liège (Belgium) and under the barrel on the part which is inside the

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stock, we find a punchmark made of 2 letters which seem to be a F or J and a C. This mark is noted on part 1 of the great Stockel dictionary, p.260, number 2476. Clearly this mark was used by a gunmaker from Liège between 1820 and 1850, but precise identification is difficult. The author of Stockel supposes here a F and a C, but is not very sure. This mark has been found several times and maybe has been used by several workshops (?)

If we suppose that the letters are "J" and "C", this could match maybe with gunmaker Joseph Chaumont, but it is impossible to be categorical. Caliber is 14mm, length of barrel is 25 cm
MECHANISM All mechanism, hammer, and so on, finely chiseled

The trigger guard has a part to put another finger. Trigger can be regulated. The pistols works without any problem. The hammer blocks clearly in the 2 positions.

STOCK Of the so-called "Renaissance shape" No part broken, no part repaired. Small marks of use, very classical and very acceptable.

As a conclusion, this is a good quality duelling pistol from the first part of 19th century, made in the city of Liège, in a good state.