



## Large Aftafa Ewer



1 450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Width : 22 cm

Height : 44 cm

Depth : poids : 1830 grs

### Description

Important Ewer "with dancing stags" called "Aftafa", in tinned copper, decorated on all sides, with interlacing, friezes, stylized flowers and many other tribal motifs.

Engraved on both sides of the medallions (photos) the presence of dancing stags, an animal found in regional iconography since the dawn of time. (sculptures of Luristan, and also of the Scythians, as well as the whole of the Caucasus) Our model comes from the North-West of Persia, Eastern Iran, Azerbaijan. A handle cast in Esse, beautiful engravings, and a patina due to time underline the object.

The Dominica-shaped stopper supports a faceted fretel.

Note the many floral facets constituting the collar. The presence of many deer, birds, the

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interlacing of roses and ivy ....

Very beautiful water outlet with many facets like the pass. the object is of particular interest in its decoration.

This Aftafa ewer or jug was and is mainly used for ablutions, washing the face and hands, during religious ceremonies.

"The feast of initiates, standing ready to serve, the beauties from all sides hold the ewer in their hands; the faithful of love wash their hands with all their soul;

while the beauties pour the water, the ewer by hand" Reading and Translation, AS

Melikian-Chirvani, 1973 p 119. from the 19th century and in very good condition.

The ewers are emblematic and are among the most beautiful objects of ancient oriental art, they are all different because they were mostly special orders.

Dimensions: Height: 44 cm - Width: 22 cm - weight: 1830 grs

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