

SA1057612

Antique Tekke Ensi, 1.53m x
1.36m

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1057612

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 153 cm (60.2")

Width = 136 cm (53.5")

Description

The Tekke were one of the largest and most powerful tribes that migrated for centuries in Central Asia, eventually settling in towns and villages of Northern Persia and Afghanistan. 'Ensi' is the term for a special group of their weavings which were made as door hangings for the entrance to the yurt or tent. This Tekke ensi is one of those rare items which is both decorative and collectible. Woven towards the end of the 19th century, it has retained much of the character of this charming group. It is finely knotted with soft velvety wool and harmonious colours. The design is typical of the complex structure of ensis, replete with cosmic and spiritual meaning. Note the horizontal band which runs through the centre which is particularly attractive and unusual. The square format has enabled the weaver to give the design openness so that although the design has so many elements, it does not feel cluttered. This lovely piece would make a perfect wall hanging or fit into many decorative spaces. Cherished through the generations, it has survived in good condition with only minimal signs of wear or repair. Professionally cleaned.

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