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Antique Half-Saddlebag Face,
Afshar Nomads of Aqta',
Kerman Province, South Persia.

Price

GBP 550

| USD \$744 | EUR 644

Item Reference: SA1144371

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 61 cm (24.0")

Width = 56 cm (22.0")

Description

This beautiful bag-face is an early example of Afshar work, dating to circa 1870 from Aqta' in the province of Kerman, south Persia. The golden-yellow main border is very interesting and one needs to look closely to see the depiction of two birds, opposing each other on either side of a stylised 'tree of life' on the top and bottom borders and on the side borders, camels opposing each other. These are popular symbols amongst the Afshar tribes. The field design seems to comprise a highly stylised lotus blossom amid vegetal patterns embellished with geometrical motifs but it might also stem from the open-winged eagle - an ancient Persian motif. Once part of a double saddle-bag, this face is all that remains. The superb, vegetable-dye colours are beautifully saturated and it is in very good pile all over. Size: 61cm x 56cm (2' 0" x 1' 10").

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