

SA1154588

**Magnificent Serapi Carpet,
North-West Persia, Circa 1880,
4.70m x 3.52m**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1154588

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 470 cm (185.0")

Width = 352 cm (138.6")

Description

The enigmatic term 'Serapi' denotes a certain decorative style of 19th century Persian carpets rather than a place name or weaving centre. We know that these carpets were woven in Azerbaijan region of North-West Persia, but a precise location has never been identified. Nor can they be classified according to their technical characteristics. Although Serapi carpets are usually finely knotted, they do have a variety of different weaves, including differences in warp depression and the number of wefts. What makes them distinctive and desirable, of course, is their wonderful drama, the sparing use of colour and the restrained designs. At first glance they resemble other carpets from Azerbaijan namely Heriz, and Karaja carpets, but the aesthetics are very different. All the complexity of other designs have been stripped away, leaving only the most essential elements, a very pure form of the design, which can often feel quite archaic. This is certainly the case with this magnificent carpet. Finely knotted and with a thin even pile, the design is dominated by a terracotta central medallion with a star-like central ornament on an ivory field. The rest of the field is decorated sp...

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