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Antique Turkmen Chuval, Teke Tribes, Akhal Oasis, Turkmenistan, Central Asia.

Price

GBP 2,200

| USD \$2,977 | EUR 2,574

Item Reference: SA1215354

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 80 cm (31.5")

Width = 134 cm (52.8")

Description

This amazing Teke Turkmen 'chuval' (storage-bag) has to be seen and handled to appreciate the incredible fineness of weave. If I say it is like silk-velvet, that might be a good general description! The beautiful cochineal-dye ground contains three vertical columns of three Teke 'guls' (tribal crests) interspersed with minor guls, where the field gives the impression of disappearing under the borders and out into infinity. The bottom 'elem' or skirt contains stylised plants or trees. Made during the early to mid 19th century by Teke tribes in the Akhal Oasis, the chuval is in very good overall condition albeit having a small tear in the upper centre which in my mind, doesn't detract from the overall quality of this fantastic piece, and two areas in the top right and left corners which have been repaired, probably due to the original tie-cords having put a strain on the corners of the bag when hung on the camels. Chuvals were made in pairs with plain-weave backs and hung on the flanks of the camels during migrations. This chuval has lost its plain-weave back. Size: 1.34 x 0.80m (4' 5" x 2' 7").

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