

**SA334316**

## 19th.c. Javanese Ceremonial Kris.

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA334316****Date of manufacture:**

## Description

Extraordinary 19th.c. Javanese ceremonial dagger or 'Kris'. Wooden sheath with distinctive and characteristic curving blade shape at the top and clad in a beautiful two piece chased silver case. Typical of the form the blade is of narrow asymmetrical wavy form (designed to increase the severity of wounds) with a remarkable Pamour pattern of water-like waves and ripples caused by the use of small amounts of nickel in the forging process. The hilt is superb featuring a pistol grip handle in ivory carved into a strikingly abstracted human figure in a squatting pose with arms folded across the chest. On a finely worked gold mount of concentric rings. Damage to the wooden sheath otherwise excellent condition. As well as being a lethally effective weapon the Kris is traditionally regarded as a semi-sacred object imbued with a living spirit capable of magic, of bringing good or bad luck to its owner and of imparting bravery and heroism to the wearer. They are still worn as part of ceremonial dress in Indonesia and Bali. As objects of art, the kris is properly regarded in three pieces, the bilah (blade), hulu (hilt), and warangka (sheath) with each providing an opportunity for ex...

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