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Antique Tasheh (wheat sack),
Bakhtiari Tribes, Western
Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA369267

Date of manufacture: 1900

Description

The 'tasheh' or wheat-sack, as the name implies, was used for transporting wheat. They were discovered, for the first time about 35 years ago by the world-renowned Persian rug expert and sculptor, Parviz Tanavoli. The Bakhtiari nomads were throwing them out, having discovered plastic sacks as a means of replacing those beautiful woven artefacts! Thus the demise of the woven wheat-sack took place in the 1940s-1950s. Today, there are few remaining tashehs amongst the nomads Iran. The piece illustrated is a beautiful early 20th century tasheh, slightly reduced in width, but now, making a very attractive wall-hanging - wall art as I call it! All tashehs are plain-woven - one side plain surrounding the knotted-pile bottle-shape design - the other decorated in vertical stripes. Above the knotted bottle-shape can be seen chequered lines which I believe symbolically represent the pouring of the wheat into the sack. Size: 1.35m x 1.00m (4' 5" x 3' 3").

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