

SA61497

Charles II Oak Court or Press Cupboard c. 1670

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA61497****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Description

A beautiful solid oak early English press cupboard made by hand in around 1660-1670 and in superior original condition. The upper section with two small doors, heavily oak framed and pegged with extremely deep hand hewn and chamfered oak fielded panels. The muntins and stiles with channel carved and fluted detail and both doors with 17th century iron locks and working keys. The doors open and close smoothly with no warps or wobbles. Each has a very substantial oak planked base and a narrow finely hand hewn oak shelf at the back. The cupboards are individual with oak planked dividing wall. The strapwork carved frieze of interlaced circles with radiating spokes is beautifully executed, complete and original. If you run your hand along the back face of this frieze you can still feel the waved surface of the wood from the hand held tools of the day. The top of the press is twin planked and pegged and the planks have developed an attractive slight smile with age and natural movement. The whole press including these top planks has a fantastic rich colour, a natural deep sheen and smooth aged feel from centuries of use, wax and care. The upper section lifts off the ba...

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