

19TH CENTURY FRENCH GLAZED TERRACOTTA OLIVE OIL JAR WITH HANDLES AND SPOUT

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This substantial antique French jar was crafted in southern France in the late 19th century, circa 1880, and exemplifies the utilitarian beauty of traditional provincial pottery. Originally used to collect olive oil, the vessel features a classic ovoid form with a gently tapering base and wide open mouth, designed for both function and durability. The jar is hand-thrown from terracotta and finished with a rich honey-amber glaze at the shoulder, which cascades downward in natural drips over the unglazed lower body, creating a striking contrast in tone and texture. Horizontal turning lines remain visible throughout, emphasizing its handmade character. Two robust loop handles are applied at the shoulder, and a small drainage or vent hole near the base reflects its original practical purpose. The surface shows authentic wear, mineral deposits, and kiln variations consistent with age and use, contributing to its warm, timeworn patina. The vessel is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use. This antique pottery jar is ideal as a decorative garden planter, an interior statement piece, or a sculptural accent in a rustic, Mediterranean, or Country French interior. Dimensions: 25” diameter x 33.25” H

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