

19TH CENTURY FRENCH HAMMERED BRASS CAULDRON BUCKET WITH ARCHED HANDLE

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Add a touch of rustic French charm to a kitchen, or country home with this unusual antique brass bucket. Crafted in France, circa 1860, the decorative vessel features a rounded, hammered brass body with a beautifully sculpted arched handle fashioned in the form of a serpent.

The small cauldron stands on a raised circular pedestal base and features a wide, molded rim surrounding its deep interior. The rounded body is embellished with hand-hammered indentations, creating a richly textured surface that catches and reflects the light. The distinctive overhead handle is modeled as a snake, complete with a finely detailed head, engraved eyes, and textured scales along its curved body. Attached to the upper rim on both sides, the sculptural handle adds an unusual decorative element to this traditional utilitarian form.

The antique brass vessel retains a warm golden finish with a naturally aged patina, while the interior displays darker oxidation and traces of verdigris consistent with its age. An engraved inscription along the upper rim appears to read "Ismerie - Laporte," possibly indicating a former owner or a presentation inscription.

The antique bucket is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with minor surface wear adding to its authentic character. Display it on a mantel, kitchen shelf, or console table, or use it as a decorative cachepot for dried flowers or greenery. An interesting example of French provincial metalwork, combining practical craftsmanship with an imaginative animal-form handle.

Dimensions: 6.5"W x 6.5"D x 10"H

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