

19TH CENTURY FRENCH POLISHED COPPER MILK CAN WITH LID AND HANDLES

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This substantial antique copper milk can was crafted in France circa 1890. Executed in traditional cylindrical dairy form, the vessel features a gently tapered shoulder rising to a rolled rim and fitted with two robust side handles for carrying. The shoulder is stamped “311,” likely a dairy identification number, reinforcing its authentic agricultural origin. Handcrafted in heavy gauge copper, the surface reveals visible seams and subtle hammering marks that speak to its original utilitarian construction. The can retains its removable lid with integrated handle, designed for secure closure and easy access. Small perforations around the lower band further suggest its practical use in traditional milk storage or cream handling. The exterior displays a beautifully aged copper surface with warm tonal variation, darker oxidation, and handling marks consistent with age and use, all contributing to its honest antique character. The interior shows expected oxidation from decades of service. Solid and well-proportioned, this French antique dairy can makes a striking decorative accent in a farmhouse kitchen, wine cellar, garden room, or use as an umbrella stand. Dimensions: 11.25”Dia x 21.5”H

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