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A NORTH AFRICAN TERRACOTTA MILK JAR,

19th Century - possibly earlier, hand thrown,

the bulbous jar with a weathered patina, with handle loops, painted ornamental markings, and a spout,

DIMENSIONS: 44cm (17¼") High, 45cm (17¾") Wide

STOCK CODE: 44146

HISTORY

This pot was sourced in Morocco; similar pots can originate from anywhere in the Mediterranean region. It could be considerably older than 19th Century – they are hard to date with certainty as they've been made this way for at least three millennia. They are often kept in cool cellars and are sealed for long-term and seasonal storage of all manner of produce: grain, olive oil, figs etc – this shape is used for milk – whether cow, goat or camel. They make wonderful garden ornaments but the milk pots are known to be fired at a lower temperature than other designs so will need protection from frost.