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AN ENGLISH TERRACOTTA SEAKALE FORCER,

hand-thrown, late 19th/ early 20th Century, removed from a walled garden in Gloucestershire,
the bulbous pot with beautiful patina,

DIMENSIONS: 33cm (13") High, 33cm (13") Wide

STOCK CODE: 44965

LOCATION: LASSCO Three Pigeons





HISTORY

Lacking lid (often the norm with older forciers). This is one of a number of forciers from the same source - Search "Forcier" to see remaining stock. No head-gardener of any Country Estate would have had a walled garden without rhubarb and seakale forciers. Used to cover rhubarb to limit photosynthesis, they encourage the plant to grow early in the season and ultimately produce long blanched stems. The pots are placed over two- to three-year-old rhubarb crowns during winter into early spring. Once shoots appear the lid, or tile, is taken off, causing them to grow towards the light.