



PERIOD OAK ANTIQUES

J & J Simonini Specialist Dealers in Early Oak Furniture and Works of Art



Near Penrith, Cumbria - Anytime by prior appointment. T 01931 713506 M 07917 571350 sales@periodoakantiques.com

A SMALL RARE EARLY 16TH CENTURY ITALIAN WALNUT COFFER, FROM THE MONASTERY MONASTERY OF LA VERNA (CHIUSI DELLA VERNA). CIRCA 1510.

THE FRONT CARVED WITH THE FACADE OF THE MONASTRY ITSELF.br>

Monastery of la Verna: this is one of the most significant places in the spiritual life of Saint Francis. According to the text called *Legenda Maior* written by San Bonaventura, Christ appeared to Saint Francis right here (in the shape of a seraph) and then the saint received the stigmata. This sacred scene, with the background of La Verna, was painted by Giotto in an altar-piece fresco that is now kept at the Louvre and in the "Leggenda Francescana" visible in Assisi's basilica. The monastery's structure is a typical example of the local architecture. It is completely made of stone, and is surrounded by a thick forest of beeches and fir trees, which contribute to the evocative and mystic aura of the place. As soon as you reach La Verna you will be pervaded, charmed and impressed by the unique atmosphere released by the monastery, and it will become natural for you to lower the tone of your voice and walk in a dignified manner. You will get the most powerful hint towards meditation as you reach the "Sasso Spicco", a rock spur that is incredibly hanging from the mountain. This was Saint Francis's favourite place for praying.

38.5" WIDE X 16.5" HIGH X 19" DEEP.

STOCK NO 1083.



SOLD

Dimensions:

Height: 16.5 inches (41.9 cms)

Width: 38.5 inches (97.8 cms)

Depth: 19 inches (48.3 cms)

More Images Available Online

