

Six Vossiea Bonn Antler-Handled Knives, Circa 1840

£55



Description

A handsome and increasingly scarce set of six German carbon-steel table knives by Vossiea, Bonn, dating to circa 1840. Each knife is fitted with a naturally figured antler handle, giving the set an appealingly individual character while creating a pleasingly cohesive appearance when laid together on the table.

The blades retain a rich, even patina developed over nearly two centuries. They are rust-free, but show the darkened and mottled surface coloration expected from carbon steel of this age—an honest and attractive record of their history rather than a condition flaw. The restrained blade profiles contrast beautifully with the tactile warmth and organic texture of the antler handles.

Made in Bonn during the first half of the 19th century, these knives reflect the enduring German tradition of finely crafted table and hunting wares. Antler was prized for its strength, comfortable feel in the hand, and distinctive natural grain; no two handles are exactly alike, lending the set a particularly individual appeal.

An atmospheric addition to a country-house table, a period dining setting, or a collection of antique German cutlery. Equally effective displayed in a kitchen, dining room, or cabinet of curiosities, this set offers genuine early 19th-century character with a practical, timeless design.