

Produit Barrel dipper or Essuie-Tine
 Référence 12945A



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THE 'ESSUIE-TINE'

Speaking of the 'spinach mill', a rather similar hoax was all the rage a few years ago in the vineyards at harvest time. Naturally, the prank was played on a novice, and preferably on the one who seemed the least knowledgeable and the most good-natured.

The 'essuie-tine' is a tin utensil of a distinctive shape used at the wine press: depending on the region, it is known by various names that are far more evocative. Now, in a village in La Côte, one year when a bountiful harvest and high spirits meant that no opportunity for a bit of a laugh was to be missed, a few young men took it into their heads to send a young Savoyard, who looked naive and gentle, off in search of the said utensil. They made him carry a large basket and sent him down to the bottom of the village, some eight hundred metres away, to run the usual errand, already looking forward to the poor chap's return. The young man carried out his task punctually; he returned to the wine press, his basket laden with a huge stone carefully concealed in a sack.

What happened? Did he have a premonition, or had he been tipped off? The fact is that upon arriving, sweating and panting, utterly exhausted, he made a sudden movement and knocked the mop into the vat, which was three-quarters full of must. One of the famous fougasses from the old Société du Génie, or the sudden eruption of a volcano, could not have had a worse effect on those present. There was a general splash, the vat was smashed open, and two hundred litres of must were spilled. If the wind happens to blow you into this village at harvest time, ask about the 'essuie-tine': you'll see for yourself what answer you get. O.D.

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 Origin: Switzerland
 Period: 19th century
 Materials: Copper

Dimensions: H 46 x 15 x 15 cm

Caractéristiques

Dimensions	Ht 46 x 15 x 15 cm
Material	Cuivre
Origin	Suisse
Era	19ème siècle

Prix	CHF 100.00 TTC
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