

Large 19th-Century Italian Green and White Glazed Passata Dish

£450



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Height: 22 cm (8.7")

Diameter: 46 cm (18.1")

Description

A substantial and highly decorative 19th-century Italian glazed pottery passata dish, made for the preparation and serving of tomato sauce and other rustic Italian dishes. With its generous scale and simple, practical form, this is a wonderfully evocative piece of traditional domestic pottery.

The interior is finished in a lively tin glaze of green and white, creating a fresh, painterly surface that contrasts beautifully with the warm earthenware body. Its gently irregular hand-finished character, visible glaze variation, and softly worn surface give the dish an immediate sense of age and authentic use.

Passata dishes such as this were central to the Italian kitchen, used for pressing and preparing tomatoes, vegetables, and fruit. Today, this example has equal appeal as a decorative object: its broad, shallow form and vibrant glazed interior make it ideal for a kitchen, dining room, pantry, or country-house interior. It could be displayed on a dresser, wall-mounted as a striking piece of ceramic art, or used as a generous serving dish.

A handsome example of 19th-century Italian country pottery, combining practical design with the enduring charm of hand-glazed ceramics.