

French Double Fusil de Chasse  
by Jerome Blachon  
St. Etienne, France c1780  
52" OA, 16 gauge

Jerome Blachon was one of the Blachon family of ten gunsmiths working in St. Etienne from 1650 until 1850. While better known for military guns, the St. Etienne gunsmiths equaled the Parisian gunsmiths in making high style hunting shotguns. The barrels on this fusil were made by the famous Merley family of St. Etienne barrelmakers.

This shotgun is a fine example of the luxurious custom hunting guns made for the aristocracy before the French Revolution. The figured walnut stock is carved in ornate floral detail, barrels are gold filled and the iron hardware is finely chiseled. The barrels are marked; canon tordu (*barrel twisted*) in the traditional French style of the period.

The gun is in rare original condition including its horn tipped baleen ramrod. A small stabilized crack is in forestock and there is a small period repair to the stock.

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