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Mining center Castel-Minier: ore mining, ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgies between XIIIth and XVIth Centuries



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Abstract:

Castel-Minier offers an amazing array of medieval mining and metallurgies between the end of XIIIth and XVIth Centuries. The mine is associated with a fortification and metallurgical workshops, several of which have been excavated. The exploitation concerns various silver bearing ores (galena, tetrahedrite-tennantite), but also bournonite (CuPbSbS₃) and chalcopyrite. The processing of iron ore from a nearby valley complements this rich range of metallurgical "chaîne opératoire". Together, metallurgies of lead, silver, copper and iron show the great technical capabilities of the metallurgical teams present at the site. In addition to the archaeological ores, the stone mills for ore dressing, the remains of two hydraulic hammers, furnaces and fireplaces, the excavation of Castel-Minier has brought to light the most important corpus of medieval litharge cakes highlighting the different steps to refining silver.



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