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1956 FERRARI 275 GTB/2 LONG-NOSE ALLOY

Chassis: 08061

A successor to the 250 GTO in both spirit and style, many enthusiasts view the Ferrari 275 GTB as the pinnacle of '60s Maranello motoring. With its purposeful Pininfarina lines and enlarged Colombo 3.3L V12 engine, the car became hugely sought after in both road and racing trim.

Redeveloped with a longer nose in 1965 to aid aerodynamic stability at speed, the 275 GTB/2 made a name for itself in the Le Mans 24 Hours GT class, while the road version was popular with celebrity owners like Steve McQueen and Clint Eastwood. Its exclusive nature meant that fewer than 1,000 were built, with only a very small number of road cars bodied in highly desirable alloy coachwork.

Ideal for gentlemen privateers and enthusiastic drivers, the alloy machines benefitted from a significant weight advantage and improved performance over their steel counterparts. Today, they are regarded as a prized addition to any significant collection.

Supplied new to Rodolfo Landini, this matching-numbers 1965 GTB/2 Alloy (chassis 08061) took up residence in France three years later. A change of ownership in 1972/73 saw it travel to North America where it passed between a number of owners until 1977, when Mr Ed Berner of New York acquired the car and retained it until 2001.

In 2002 Fiskens sourced 08061 for Gregory Noblet, who has since cared for it on a no-expense-spared basis. Equipped with full Ferrari Classiche certification, an FIA Historic passport and a comprehensive history file, this 275 GTB Alloy also boasts the honour of having led the 50th Anniversary 250 GTO Tour. Indeed, 08061 was the only 275 invited to join this prestigious road rally.

Recent owner Noblet, the son of former Ferrari GTO works driver Pierre Noblet, thoroughly enjoyed the car's extraordinary eligibility and performance, regularly entering top-flight historic events such as the Le Mans Classic, Tour Auto, Tour D'Espana and Shell Ferrari Historic Challenge. With a 320bhp Roelofs-prepared engine, lightweight alloy bumpers, upgraded braking system and outer-laced competition Borrani wire wheels, this magnificent alloy example performs exceptionally well and is the definition of a gentleman's GT car.

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