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Couple of Antique Chinese Celadon Funeral Vases, Song Dynasty (960 to 1279).

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1076794****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Description

The vases are made of ceramic glazed green color, typical of the time, this type of glaze is known as celadon (Chinese: qingci literally "green porcelain"), very popular because imitated jade. These vases in principle had a household purpose, but later they were used for ceremonial purposes to store ashes of the deceased. Egg-shaped bodies and a long, wide necks narrowing upwards, partially covered with a transparent glaze and decorated with a series of ancestors fiercely guarded the ashes. The previous owner drilled the vases from the bottom to make table lamps. I must admit that making a lamp from a funeral urn is a very strange decision. The set includes special stands that are weighted with lead for stability.

The Song Dynasty, which ruled from 960 to 1279 AD, is frequently regarded as one of the zeniths of Chinese civilization because of its enormous successes in the arts, sciences, and technology as well as its significant economic success. Just a few of these advancements included improvements in agriculture, development of moveable type, uses for gunpowd...

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