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Antique Japanese Kutani Vase,
Japan, Meiji era (1868-1912).

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Item Reference: SA1082564

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

Impressive Japanese Kutani hand-painted earthenware vase of baluster form with stylized handles on the vase shoulder in the form of mythological creatures that protect against evil spirits. The body is decorated with figures of 4 samurai warriors dressed in military armour and preparing for battle against a backdrop of a continuous bamboo landscape. To know that the vase was painted by a real master, just look at the perfectly painted faces of the samurai. Decorations on Kutani earthenware were often based on folk history and culture, a typical pattern being the "three friends," namely plum, bamboo, and pine; in our case, it is bamboo. One of the main Kutani typical colors is brownish red. The base is signed in iron-red. Kutani ware is a type of Japanese pottery that is usually decorated with overglaze painting. Like Imari ware, it is made from clay that is dried before firing. A special type of glaze is used to create the rich pictorial ornamentation and vivid lines that characterize this style. The history of Kutani dates back to 1655, when the first pottery kiln was opened in Kaga, Ishikawa. Production of Kutani ware ceased towards the end of the 17th century, and it w...

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