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Antique Wedgwood Ivory
Vellum vase painted with hop
leaves and cones, c. 1880

Price

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Item Reference: SA1114038

Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

Antique Wedgwood Ivory Vellum vase (1880) – hand-painted with hop leaves and cones. This rare antique Wedgwood Ivory Vellum vase, crafted in 1880, exemplifies the company's mastery of fine pottery. The vase is made from Wedgwood's signature Ivory Vellum ceramic, known for its smooth, matte surface. It is meticulously hand-painted with detailed depictions of hop leaves and cones, complemented by intricate naturalistic patterns in red, green, and gold. Both sides feature elegant foliate handles, adding to its refined aesthetic. This vase is a rare example of Wedgwood's late 19th-century craftsmanship, blending intricate design with artistic symbolism. The base bears the official Portland Vase Wedgwood brand mark, introduced in 1878 as a tribute to the company's renowned replica of the Roman Portland Vase in the British Museum. Museum collection reference: A similar vase from the Ivory Vellum series is held in the Victoria and Albert Museum: V&A Collection: Wedgwood Ivory Vellum Vase. Historical background: The Wedgwood Pottery Company, founded in 1759 by Josiah Wedgwood, became world-famous for its innovation and quality. Wedgwood pioneered techniques such as transfer pri...

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