

SA1141821

Antique Chinese Export Silver Box Circa 1880

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1141821****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 6.4 cm (2.5")

Width = 8.2 cm (3.2")

Depth = 16.8 cm (6.6")

Description

An exceptional, fine and impressive antique Chinese Export silver box; an addition to our collection of Chinese silverware. This exceptional antique Chinese Export Silver (CES) box has a plain rectangular form. The surface of the body is encompassed with exceptional chased oriental Chinese dragon designs amidst clouds, all on a matte background; each panel bears a plain and unembellished border. This antique silver box is fitted with a hinged silver cover, bearing a continuation of cloud ornamentation to the side panels. The upper plateau of the cover is ornamented with two further dragon designs accented with impressive emanating whiskers, incorporating a circular vacant cartouche to the centre. By virtue of its size this versatile box could be used for a multitude of functions. The box features a solid silver base which is plain and unembellished, apart from the feature hallmarks; a solid silver base is a sign of quality. The hallmarks struck to the underside of this antique Chinese box include: Silver quality/purity mark: 90 (90 standard, 900/1000) Maker's mark: WA (WA CHUN ??) Artisan workshop mark: ?? (HONG XIANG) An antique silver Chinese box is a culturally...

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