

SA1168003

Satsuma, c.1890. Superb multi-figure plate. Famous Meizan mark

Price

GBP 1,000

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Item Reference: SA1168003

Date of manufacture: 1890

Description

Japan, Meiji era, circa 1890. Satsuma plate of outstanding quality, painted with a complex courtly garden scene: pavilions, bridges, flowering shrubs and numerous elegant figures in richly patterned kimono. The decoration is executed with micro-fine brushwork in polychrome overglaze enamels and lavish gold, laid in matte and burnished textures with minute pointillé and hatching. The reverse carries the famous Meizan (??) mark, gold on a black rounded cartouche. Dimensions: diameter approx. 21,3 cm; height approx. 2.5 cm . Weight: approx. 423 g. Technique and materials: Satsuma stoneware with warm ivory crackled glaze; overglaze enamels; extensive gilding; gold signature cartouche. Historical context: such virtuoso miniature painting epitomises the best Meiji export wares sought by European connoisseurs in the late 19th century; pieces associated with the Meizan name have long been considered benchmarks of taste and craftsmanship. Condition: excellent. The UV test shows no restorations, no repainting, no over-spray and no regilding; only the lightest age-consistent rubbing to the rim. Ready for distinguished display. Investment: works of this calibre, combining a comp...

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