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Kinkozan Satsuma Samurai Vase, Rare Bamboo-Handle Form, Meiji c. 1875–1885

Price

GBP 2,500

| USD \$3,377 | EUR 2,924

Item Reference: SA1174654**Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 23.8 cm (9.4")

Depth = 23.8 cm (9.4")

Description

A striking and rare late-Meiji Japanese Satsuma vase by the esteemed Kinkozan workshop, Kyoto. This substantial exhibition-grade piece stands 38 cm tall and features a dramatic and uncommon neck structure: applied "bamboo" crossbar handles with triple collar bands — a demanding and rarely-seen architectural form reserved for high-status commissions. The richly decorated body displays armoured samurai in battle, advancing through a rocky landscape under drifting clouds and gold mist. Each warrior is rendered with meticulous brushwork: expressive faces, detailed armour plates, and, in places, raised moriage enamel beading — a hallmark of top-tier Kyoto production. The reverse includes floral and textile-patterned arabesques executed in a classical Kyoto palette of brown, black, gold, red, green, blue and soft ivory. The ivory crackle glaze is beautifully uniform, contrasting with the depth of the enamel and gilt. The base shows the brushed Kinkozan mark: (Nippon / Kinkozan zo). Mounted on a carved hardwood stand, included in the sale — enhancing both height and display presence.

Measurements: • Vase alone: Height 38 cm; Max. diameter 23.8 cm; Weight 2251 g • Height on st...

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