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Exquisite Japanese Meiji (late 19thC) Inlaid Bronze Vase, Mt Fuji, Inoue of Kyoto

Price

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Item Reference: SA1176946

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Width = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Charming Japanese Meiji (late 19thC) small inlaid bronze shakudo vase depicting Mt Fuji and the surrounding landscape by Inoue of Kyoto. Signed 'Inoue' on the body and base. Comes in a box (tomobako). 12.5cm high x 6cm diameter (widest point), weight 346g (500g with box). Excellent condition and patina. A little gem. The Inoue Company of Kyoto was renowned for producing high-quality bronze and mixed-metal objects, including vases, dishes, and okimono, often decorated with intricate designs of birds, flowers, dragons, and waves in gold, silver, and shakudo. Their work reflects the quality and innovation of the Meiji era, a period that saw both a revival of traditional Japanese crafts and growing demand from Western collectors, with many pieces created specifically for export to Europe and America. The workshop's creations are distinguished by their characteristic signature, frequently inscribed with the characters Kyoto Inoue sei (?????) or Inoue zo (???), translating as 'Made by Inoue of Kyoto'.

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