

SA1195243

Important Pair of Monumental Japanese Meiji High-Relief Vases (47.5 cm), c. 1890

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1195243****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Description

An important pair of monumental Japanese earthenware vases from the Meiji period (late 19th century). These vases are defined by their impressive scale and the virtuosic quality of their high-relief decoration. The technical execution surpasses the vast majority of export wares from this period. The decoration features the complex Moriage technique, where the surface is densely embellished with raised enamel "beading." This pearl-like detailing is applied with exceptional quality, testifying to the skill of the artisans. The figures of Scholars in a landscape are modelled in high relief, providing a sculptural depth that transforms the vases into works of fine art. The colour palette is particularly notable for its sophistication. The combination of light green, dark green, and turquoise blue against a cream ground creates a very gentle, delicate colour scheme. This refined aesthetic ensures that the vases will complement and elevate any interior, from classical to contemporary. As examples of high-grade Meiji craftsmanship become scarcer, vases of this size and condition profile represent a sound investment that will appreciate in value. They are an excellent acquisition...

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