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A Masterful Duo of 'Scholar's Retreat' Chinese Baluster Vases Late Qing Dynasty, c. 1880–1900

Price

GBP 5,800

| USD \$7,849 | EUR 6,787

Item Reference: SA1197365**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

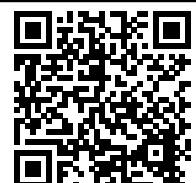
Description

A Masterful Duo of 'Scholar's Retreat' Baluster Vases Late Qing Dynasty, c. 1880–1900 | Rare Pristine Condition | Hand-Thrown Porcelain An exceptional and perfectly matched pair of underglaze blue and white baluster vases, distinguished by their vibrant cobalt palette and impeccable provenance from the G.S. May Esquire Private Collection, London. Each vase serves as a panoramic canvas for the 'Literati at Leisure' motif. Rendered with fluid, painterly brushwork, the scenes depict scholars and their attendants amidst a classic landscape of jagged rockwork, swirling mist, and lush plantain leaves—symbols of self-education and scholarly retreat. The aesthetic is defined by a sophisticated use of Fenshui (ink-wash) tonal variation. The deep, inky blues of the figures contrast beautifully against the ethereal, soft-focus 'bleeding' (Yun San) of the landscape, a hallmark of traditional mineral cobalt. The milk-white glaze exhibits a luminous, oily depth with a delicate, clean-line crazing—a natural "certificate of age" that provides an authentic patina while maintaining structural integrity. The bases feature a four-character Qianlong Nian Zhi mark in a sharp, concentrated ...

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