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Hirado Porcelain Koro with Sculpted Dragon, Reticulated Meiji Example, c.1880

Price

GBP 1,000

| USD \$1,353 | EUR 1,170

Item Reference: SA1200691**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 21.5 cm (8.5")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A fine and technically sophisticated Hirado porcelain incense burner dating to the late 19th century, Meiji period. The globular body is pierced with large openwork panels in delicate sukashi technique, centred with chrysanthemum medallions, and topped with a fully reticulated domed cover. A separate internal liner confirms its function and quality manufacture. Underglaze blue decoration of cloud scrolls and flowing ornament contrasts with the white sculptural dragon coiling around the stem. The square base, raised on four curved feet and painted in blue and white, gives the piece architectural presence. The modelling of the dragon remains sharp and lively. A refined, intellectually balanced composition. Established in the mid-17th century in Mikawachi, the Hirado kilns initially supplied feudal patrons in what was almost a closed court production. This heritage explains their disciplined aesthetic and technical mastery, long associated with the highest level of Japanese porcelain. Dimensions : Height: 21.5 cm Width: 13 cm Depth: 9 cm Weight: 725 g Condition: Excellent condition. No visible damage or restoration. The reticulation is intact throughout. The dragon re...

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