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Chinese famille rose vase with Magu and Shoulao, Jingdezhen, Late Qing c. 1870

Price

GBP 700

| USD \$945 | EUR 819

Item Reference: SA1205408**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 22.8 cm (9.0")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 11.5 cm (4.5")

Description

An elegant Chinese porcelain vase decorated in famille-rose enamels with scenes celebrating longevity. One side depicts the Daoist immortal Magu accompanied by a deer and a youthful attendant. In Chinese symbolism the deer represents longevity and success in official life. The composition belongs to the traditional Magu xianshou theme — “Magu Celebrating Longevity”. The reverse presents Shoulao, the god of longevity, shown with his characteristic high forehead, long beard, staff and peach of immortality. Beside him stands a dignified male figure in formal dress holding a ceremonial staff, while behind them a female attendant carries a ceremonial banner pole. Together the scenes express traditional wishes for long life, honour and prosperity. The decoration follows the refined fencai painting style developed in Jingdezhen, the historic centre of Chinese porcelain production. The figures are painted with soft tonal modelling, creating delicate expressions, while the deer and robes display careful brushwork. Additional texture is provided by raised enamel decoration applied in relief, particularly visible in the beard of Shoulao and details of the garments. The vase has a...

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