

SA1205410

Derby porcelain pair of wild boars model B1 c.1755

Price

GBP 7,500

| USD \$10,130 | EUR 8,772

Item Reference: SA1205410**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 10 cm (3.9")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

A rare pair of early Derby porcelain wild boars, c. 1755, recorded as Bradshaw model B1. Comparable examples are held in the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, confirming the model as a key work of the early "dry-edge" period. The design derives from the Florentine boar type after Pietro Tacca's "Il Porcellino", adapted into English porcelain through small-scale copies circulating in aristocratic collections such as Chatsworth. The modelling is bold and direct, with compact bodies and expressive heads. Decoration is restrained, with brown brushwork, pink snouts and ears, black hooves and simple floral bases. The undersides are unglazed and pierced with ventilation holes. The model is documented in William Duesbury's account book under the name "Michill", priced at five shillings (equivalent to roughly £850 today) in October 1752. Measurements Boar 1 (seated): weight 520 g, height 10 cm (3.9?), length 15 cm (5.9?), depth 8 cm (3.1?) Boar 2 (trotting): weight 562 g, height 10 cm (3.9?), length 14 cm (5.5?), depth 8.5 cm (3.3?) Condition Both figures are in excellent antique condition. As expected for heavy early soft-past...

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