

SA1207633

A Rare and Exceptionally Fine Iron-Red 'Imperial Dragon' Brush Washer Guangxu Six-Character Mark (1875–1908)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1207633****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A Rare and Exceptionally Fine Iron-Red 'Imperial Dragon' Brush Washer Guangxu Six-Character Mark (1875–1908) Complete with Original Bespoke Silk-Lined Presentation Box This exquisite compressed globular brush washer represents the pinnacle of late Qing Dynasty technical mastery. Potently symbolic and masterfully potted, the piece features a translucent "eggshell" porcelain body, weighing a remarkable 138 grams. Its delicate nature suggests it was commissioned for a high-ranking official or as a merit gift within the imperial civil service. The exterior is vibrantly enamelled in iron-red (fanhong) with two powerful five-clawed dragons—the supreme imperial motif—winding through stylized flames in pursuit of the Flaming Pearl of Wisdom. The Dragons: Executed with superb brush control, the dragons exhibit fine scale-work and expressive, spirited facial features. The Pearl: The central pearl is highlighted in high-purity gilt enamel, showing a soft, authentic patina consistent with age. The Body: The porcelain is of superior "watery" bluish-white tone, characteristic of the finest Jingdezhen kilns. It possesses a startling translucency, with the painted decoration clearl...

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