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A Rare 'Batavia'
Chocolate-Glazed 'Bird and
Prunus' Reserve Bowl Chinese,
Qing Dynasty, Jiaqing Period (c.
1796–1820)

Price

GBP 2,795

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Item Reference: SA1207764**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 7.5 cm (3.0")

Description

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