

SA1210707

Pair of Dresden porcelain perfume bottles in the Imari taste, c. 1890–1910

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1210707****Date of manufacture: Edwardian**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Width = 6 cm (2.4")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

A decorative pair of Dresden porcelain perfume bottles from around 1890–1910, painted in the Imari taste and made as elegant vanity-table objects. Each has a rounded body, short neck, flared rim and domed stopper, giving the pair a compact and highly decorative presence. The decoration is executed in the classic Imari palette of deep cobalt blue, iron red and gilding on a white ground. Large stylised flowers rise from the lower body, while the shoulders are enriched with bold blue leaves, richly patterned reserves and pale blue fish-roe grounds. The design derives from Japanese Imari porcelain exported from the 17th century onward and later adapted by European manufacturers. The underside bears a simple underglaze blue crown mark. Although this does not permit a precise factory attribution, the type of object and the decorative manner are consistent with Dresden circle porcelain of the period. The stoppers appear original to the bottles and retain their cork fittings. Small perfume bottles of this kind were made both for use on the dressing table and for decorative display. As a surviving pair, these examples are especially appealing, since such objects were often sepa...

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