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A Rare Imperial Underglaze Blue and Iron-Red 'Longevity' Jar, Mark of Jiajing (1522-1566)

Price

GBP 148,000

| USD \$200,274 | EUR 173,175

Item Reference: SA1216624

Date of manufacture: 16th Century

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

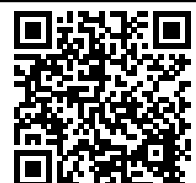
Description

A Rare Imperial Underglaze Blue and Iron-Red 'Longevity' Jar, Mark of Jiajing (1522-1566). An exceptional and robustly potted 16th-century Imperial porcelain jar (Guanyao), dating to the reign of the Jiajing Emperor. This vessel features a striking and highly desirable dual-medium palette of underglaze cobalt blue and overglaze iron-red (Qinghua Hongcai). The piece is masterfully decorated with stylized, trunk-form Shou (Longevity) characters and traditional scrolling foliage, perfectly embodying the complex Daoist iconography and imperial taste of the period. The exterior wall is finely painted with repeating, winding tree trunks configured into the sacred Shou character for long life, interspersed with organic floral clusters and dense leafage. The execution relies entirely on a crisp, contrasting palette: the foundational structural linework and characters are rendered in deep underglaze cobalt, while the surrounding blossoms and the heavy, saturated ground of the shoulder are filled with rich overglaze iron-red washes. The balance of the composition showcases the precise multi-stage firing techniques perfected at the Jingdezhen imperial kilns. Structural Characteris...

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