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Japanese Kutani porcelain teapot with vase stand, Meiji period, c.1890

Price

GBP 300

| USD \$406 | EUR 351

Item Reference: SA1219275**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 17.5 cm (6.9")

Width = 19 cm (7.5")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

A decorative Japanese Kutani porcelain teapot dating to the late Meiji period, c.1890, accompanied by a complementary vase that functions beautifully as a stand. The teapot bears a Kutani-zō mark to the underside, meaning "Made in Kutani". The decoration combines the celebrated Kutani aka-e and kinran-de traditions, with rich iron-red enamels and extensive gilding applied in scrolling arabesques, geometric motifs and intricate borders. The bamboo-form spout and handle are particularly distinctive and lend the piece considerable character. Painted reserves depict a karako figure beneath a pine tree, birds, flowers and delicate landscape scenes. The miniature painting is finely executed, with carefully rendered details throughout. The accompanying vase is decorated with a bird amongst flowering plants and matching ornament, creating an elegant display when paired with the teapot. When illuminated from behind, the porcelain body reveals a noticeable degree of translucency, highlighting the thin walls and refined manufacture of the vessel. The quality of the decoration demonstrates the highly labour-intensive nature of Kutani production intended for export during the Meiji...

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