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Pair of Hirado Mikawachi Porcelain Inkwells with Chrysanthemum Decoration, c.1850-1880

Price

GBP 500

| USD \$675 | EUR 585

Item Reference: SA1222020**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A rare and attractive pair of Hirado porcelain inkwells dating to the late Edo or early Meiji period, c.1850–1880. Retaining their original porcelain reservoirs and covers, these elegant desk accessories demonstrate the technical sophistication of Mikawachi porcelain production. The bodies are decorated in underglaze cobalt blue against a brilliant white porcelain ground. Applied chrysanthemum flowers form richly sculptural covers, displaying the painstaking handwork associated with the finest Hirado wares. Produced in Nagasaki Prefecture under the patronage of the Hirado domain, Mikawachi porcelain became internationally admired during the 19th century for its purity of body, refined decoration and exceptional craftsmanship. Surviving examples are uncommon, while complete matching pairs are particularly difficult to acquire. Their combination of decorative appeal and historical interest makes them highly desirable collector's pieces. Dimensions: Inkwell A: Height 6.5 cm, length 10 cm, width 9 cm, weight 235 g. Inkwell B: Height 7 cm, length 10 cm, width 9 cm, weight 220 g. Condition: Minimal, almost imperceptible losses to a few chrysanthemum leaves. Several very min...

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