

SA1227612

Exceptional 9th-Century Chinese Tang Dynasty Pottery Horse Museum Quality

Price

GBP 2,900

| USD \$3,917 | EUR 3,392

Item Reference: SA1227612

Date of manufacture: Pre 16th century

Dimensions

Height = 32.7 cm (12.9")

Width = 35.5 cm (14.0")

Depth = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Description

Exceptional 9th-Century Chinese Tang Dynasty Pottery Horse Museum Quality Brief Description: This is a superb and highly evocative original Chinese Tang Dynasty terracotta horse dating from the 9th century AD, a remarkable survivor from one of China's greatest artistic periods. Expertly modelled with its head lowered in a natural grazing pose, the horse displays the elegant proportions and quiet dignity for which Tang Dynasty equestrian sculptures are celebrated. It retains traces of its original hand-painted pigments, including warm ochre, cream and reddish-orange decoration, together with an elaborately detailed saddle cloth featuring finely incised scrolling motifs. These surviving remnants of polychrome decoration greatly enhance both its visual appeal and historical significance. During the Tang Dynasty (AD 618–907), horses were regarded as powerful symbols of wealth, prestige and military strength. Sculptures such as this were created as mingqi (spirit objects) and placed within the tombs of nobles and high-ranking officials to accompany and protect them in the afterlife. The finest examples are admired today for their remarkable realism, expressive modelling an...

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