

SA902581

Pair of Chinese porcelain jars, Qing Dynasty.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA902581****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

A fine pair of blue and white porcelain jars and covers, Qing Dynasty, reign of Emperor Guangxu, with six character mark of Guangxu to the base and of the period. Tall ovoid form covered in a peony decoration with domed covers with finials. The Kangxi era porcelain revival was still in full swing at this time and these jars are typical of this beautiful style. Excellent condition apart from damage to one of the covers. Emperor Guangxu (14 August 1871 – 14 November 1908), personal name Zaitian, was the tenth Emperor of the Qing dynasty, and the ninth Qing emperor to rule over China proper. His reign lasted from 1875 to 1908, but in practice he ruled, without Empress Dowager Cixi's influence, only from 1889 to 1898. He initiated the Hundred Days' Reform, but was abruptly stopped when the Empress Dowager launched a coup in 1898, after which he became powerless and was held under house arrest until his death. His era name, "Guangxu", means "glorious succession". The emperor died in 1908 and it was widely suspected at the time that he had been poisoned. A forensic examination on his remains confirmed in 2008 that the cause of death was arsenic poisoning. The level of arseni...

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