



18th Century Eastern French Faience Flower Holder, Probably Niderviller



480 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Earthenware

Diameter : 13,5

Height : 21

Description

18th Century Eastern French Faience Flower Holder, probably Niderviller Height: 21 cmMaximum width: 13.5 cmCondition: minor chips and small glaze flakes consistent with age, no restoration.A rare and charming 18th century faience flower holder (bouquetière) from Eastern France, most likely produced in Niderviller or a closely related Lorraine workshop.The piece takes the elegant form of a Medici vase, raised on a molded foot and flanked by two gracefully scrolled rococo handles.The body is decorated with a finely painted polychrome rose, accompanied by delicate foliage and small scattered floral motifs. The bright and lively palette -- deep pink, nuanced greens, yellow and blue -- is characteristic of Eastern French faience production from the second half of the 18th

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century. The domed lid is pierced with multiple openings designed to hold individual flowers. Each aperture is surrounded by a polychrome relief ring, creating a series of small individual flower holders (soliflores) and giving the piece a particularly decorative appearance. The finial is shaped as a blooming flower, adding further charm and refinement. Such pieces were used to display small arranged bouquets, a refined decorative feature in 18th century interiors.

Gallery's note: A highly decorative and relatively uncommon piece. The richly modeled pierced lid, the freshness of the floral decoration and the well-balanced proportions make this bouquetière especially appealing. It will sit equally well in a collection of antique faience or as a distinctive accent in a contemporary interior.