Chinese Nephrite Archaistic Scholar's Cup With Taotie Handles C. 1900-1910



700 EUR

Period : 19th century
Condition : Parfait état
Material : Stone
Length : 8.5 cm
Diameter : 6.1 cm
Height : 5 cm

Description

An elegant Chinese nephrite scholar's cup dating to the early 20th century, circa 1900-1910. The vessel is carved in archaistic form with a flared rim, rounded body and paired taotie-mask handles inspired by ancient Chinese ritual bronzes. Pieces of this type were created for cabinet interiors, scholars' desks and refined decorative display.
The translucent natural nephrite displays attractive olive, honey-yellow and smoky black tones throughout the stone. When illuminated, the thinner areas reveal fine translucency and natural internal structure. The visible dark areas and linear markings are natural mineral inclusions within the nephrite.
The underside retains faint uneven tool marks associated with traditional hand-finishing, while the handle perforations display slight

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irregularities consistent with hand-tool workmanship. The soft hand-polished surface differs noticeably from the highly reflective finish commonly found on later decorative carvings.
Historically, archaistic jade vessels became associated with scholarship, antiquity and refined collector's taste. By the early Republic period, such cabinet-scale carvings were highly appreciated both within China and by Western collectors of Asian works of art.
A refined and highly decorative example of early 20th-century Chinese jade carving with strong cabinet presence.
Measurements
Height: 5 cm (2.0´´)
Width with handles: 8.5 cm (3.3´´)
Top diameter: 6.1 cm (2.4´´)
Weight: 69 g
Condition
Excellent antique condition with no chips, cracks or restorations. The linear markings visible within the stone are natural mineral veins and not damage.
Shipping & Packaging
Fully tracked and insured delivery.
Shipping cost includes professional packaging, careful handling and secure postage.
Carefully packed using recycled materials where possible.
Please study all photographs as they form part of the description