



Japanese Imari Sencha Tea Cups By Gyokushi Of The Ginshotei Studio, C.1890



500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Ceramic

Diameter : 11.9 cm

Height : 8.5 cm

Description

A refined pair of Japanese sencha tea cups dating to the Meiji period, circa 1890. Made of high-quality Arita porcelain, they are decorated in the Imari tradition with gosai enamels and gilt decoration in a harmonious palette of iron-red, cobalt blue, green and gold.

The underside bears the signature Ginshotei Gyokushi-zo, identifying the work of Gyokushi for the Ginshotei decorating studio. Such signed examples are encountered only occasionally and are sought after for their finely painted figures and detailed costume decoration.

The continuous narrative scene depicts a noble poet and a court lady playing a koto, inspired by the aristocratic culture of the Heian period. The subject combines literature, music and courtly elegance in a manner typical of sophisticated

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Meiji export wares.

Traditionally known as sencha-wan, these cups were intended for the enjoyment of fine loose-leaf green tea. Their distinctive shape was designed to concentrate aroma, retain warmth and provide a comfortable grip. A highly decorative and collectible pair combining unusual form, literary subject matter and a rare artist's signature.

Measurements

Height: 8.5 cm / 3.35''

Diameter: 11.9 cm / 4.69''

Weight: 356 g and 361 g

Condition

Excellent condition. No chips, cracks or restoration.

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.

Questions are welcome.