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Delphin Massier - Wall-mounted Flower Pots In The Shape Of Dogs

980 EUR

Signature : Delphin Massier

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Earthenware

Height : 20 cm

Depth : 12 cm



Description

A very beautiful set of two wall-mounted flower vases made of polychrome earthenware, known as "barbotine," depicting two dog heads that form a matching pair. The two terrier dogs are different yet perfectly complementary; they echo each other in their size, decorative function, and naturalistic rendering, and they face each other just as a real pair would. The first dog, with a white coat speckled with brown, wears a collar adorned with a yellow bell. Note the two notches on the back, which are not visible once the piece is hung or placed on a surface. The second has a dark coat with shades of brown, cream, and black, along with a green collar and a matching bell. Note a small chip on the right upper lip and a chip in the enamel on the forehead, which was previously restored. These minor flaws are visible

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in the photos. The expressive eyes, finely modeled muzzles, and glossy glazes lend the pieces a beautiful depth of material. These flower vases were intended to be mounted on the wall to hold a small bouquet of flowers. Both pieces are signed on the reverse: Delphin Massier, Vallauris, A.M. (Alpes-Maritimes) Delphin Massier (1836-1907) is one of the greatest names in Vallauris ceramics. A descendant of the famous Massier dynasty, he played a key role in the revival of artistic earthenware in the second half of the 19th century. His workshop is particularly renowned for its polychrome glazed earthenware, its naturalistic designs, and its ornamental pieces for the home and garden. His creations are part of the great tradition of decorative ceramics from Vallauris, blending a naturalistic spirit, whimsical animal motifs, and mastery of glazes. Height: 20 cm Depth: 12 cm