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A Turquoise Tripod Incense Burner - China 18th, Kangxi Period



2 600 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Porcelain

Diameter : 8,8cm

Height : 4,7cm

Description

A small turquoise porcelain incense burner, resting on three feet, the handles modelled as mythical-beast heads.China, 18thKangxi Period (1661-1722)

Height : 4,7cmDiameter : 8,8cm

Provenance :Important French private collection

Inspired by archaic ritual bronzes, this form is emphasised by two zoomorphic handles. Incense burners could be associated with worship, but also with the scholar's studio, where incense accompanied study and contemplation. Indeed, smoke played a part in religious practices, but the burning of incense was also a pastime for the

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scholar. They were intended either to be incorporated into an altar or simply to be objects of admiration.

This form finds an equivalent in Dehua porcelain. Numerous Blanc de Chine incense burners adopt this form, with a rounded body and handles in the form of mythical-beast or lion heads.

For a Dehua porcelain incense burner of similar form, see:
- British Museum, London, no. 1980,0728.144.
- Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore, no. 2000-03347.
- Chinese Ceramics in the Collection of the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam: The Ming and Qing Dynasties, Christiaan J. A. Jörg, 1997, p. 242, no. 275.

Nevertheless, we have found no comparable example, either in terms of its dimensions or its slightly flattened form.In perfect condition.More information and photos available upon request.