Pair Of Lidded Vases Made Of Spinach-green Jade, Decorated With Phoenixes



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Parfait état

Width : 15cm

Height : 18cm

Depth : 6cm

Description

Pair of lidded vases in spinach-green jade with phoenixesChina, late Qing Dynasty, circa 1900Carved as a pair, these two phoenixes face each other. Their curved beaks and openwork crests create expressive profiles, while their long tails curl into broad spirals beneath their bodies. On the wings, the feathers are rendered as spirals and coils carved in relief, in the style of ancient Chinese bronzes. A ring suspended from the breast completes the decoration of each bird.The head of each phoenix forms a removable lid. When lifted, it reveals the vase's opening, which is carved into the bird's body. This ingenious design preserves the continuity of the silhouette when the vases are closed.The spinach-green jade displays beautiful variations in hue. A deep green dominates the bodies, lightening in places along

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the openwork crests and blending with golden-brown shades on the wings and shoulders. The polished surface of the stone catches the light on the reliefs and highlights the feather patterns. Displayed side by side, the two birds echo each other's silhouettes, each with its own shades of green.In Chinese tradition, the phoenix, known as fenghuang, is a mythical bird of good omen, associated with peace and harmony. Here, the arrangement of the two birds facing each other gives this motif its full impact.Dimensions of each vase, including the lidHeight 18 cm · Width 15 cm · Depth 6 cm