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Satsuma Earthenware Incense Burner. Japan, Meiji Period.



700 EUR

Signature : Satsuma

Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Earthenware

Height : 132mm

Description

A small cylindrical incense burner resting on three legs, made of fine Satsuma earthenware with a delicately crackled glaze. The decoration, in enamel and gilding, depicts a stylized seascape--an unusual motif that likely reflects the distinctive style of an artist unknown to us. It features small islands covered with pine trees and surrounded by waves, with clouds drifting across the sky. We believe this is a depiction of the legendary Mount Horai, a symbol of immortality and bliss.There is no signature, but the high quality of the enamels, the precision of the brushwork, the bold form, and the striking decoration point to a truly great artist who had complete mastery of his craft.The underside is painted with stylized flowers and kirimon. It is likely that this is purely decorative, but it is

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possible that it is a workshop mark.The lid, also of the highest quality, is made of white metal, probably Shibuichi..As the photos show, there are numerous imperfections, as no restoration has been performed; the two handles are glued, as is one foot, from which a crack extends. The object may remain in its current condition, as the imperfections in no way detract from its aesthetic appeal.Japanese work from the Meiji period, late 19th century or early 20th century.Height: 132 mm.