



**Chinese blue and white kraak wine pot and cover, Wanli (1573-1619)
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Chinese blue and white kraak wine pot and cover, Wanli (1573-1619), with globular body and applied loop handle, decorated with six panels containing a beribboned scroll and flowering peony, the neck with wide bracketed diaper band with two oval floral cartouches, the lid and applied handle with leafy floral motif.

Dimensions:

Height: 19.5cm. (7 5/8in.)

Condition:

Neatly repaired break to lid

Notes:

For kraak wine pots of similar design see Rinaldi, Maura 'Kraak Porcelain: A Moment in the History of Trade' London: 1989 pp.182-184.

One of the hundred antiques, the scroll represents scholarly achievement and truth. In the Ming dynasty the importance of scholarly activities resulted in a huge increase, in ceramic design and elsewhere, in the use of symbols relating to learning. Wine pots of this type would have been used in China to hold warm rice wine or hot water to prepare tea. However, in late sixteenth and early seventeenth century Europe, where wine made from grapes did not need to be kept warm and tea drinking was not yet popular, the wine pots imported by the VOC were probably used as decorative items of great status and value.

Material and Technique	Porcelain with underglaze blue decoration
Origin	Chinese
Period	16th Century
Condition	Very good
Dimensions	Height: 19.5cm. (7 5/8in.)

