



Chinese kraak bottle vase, Wanli (1573-1619)
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Chinese kraak bottle vase, Wanli (1573-1619), of pear-shape with bulbous body and elongated slender neck, decorated in underglaze cobalt blue with alternating floral panels containing peony and other flowers with foliage, the shoulders encircled by a collar of ruyi-heads, the narrow neck with hanging jewel and tassel pendant motif below a band of petals and silver mount to the rim.

Dimensions:

Height: 26.8cm. (10 9/16in.)

Notes:

A new light type of porcelain was developed in the kilns at Jingdezhen in around 1580, it was easily transported and therefore an attractive option for exporting overseas. Mass produced in standardised shapes, such as the bottle vase form seen here, these wares became known as 'kraak' after the Dutch 'carrack' trading ships which carried them from China.

Material and Technique

Wanli porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Origin

Chinese

Dimensions

Height: 26.8cm. (10 9/16in.)

Antique ref: W906