



Rare Chinese porcelain garniture of Bottle Vases with black ground from the 'Pronk workshop'

Qianlong period circa 1740

Dutch Market

Height: 12¼ inches; 31cm

Priced in GB pounds sterling

£48,000

This item is located in the UK. Shipping from there is at the buyer's expense.

A very rare Chinese export porcelain three-piece garniture, of square-form, decorated with leaves and red berries on a black ground, the foot rim with acanthus leaf border.

This design has been called the 'vine or foxgrape'. It closely resembles the 'redcurrant' design but has notable differences, lacking the distinctive leaf and the two moths. It may however be an attempt to simplify the 'redcurrant' design to reduce costs - it has the same foot rim design and the black ground. The berries are closer to the foxgrape but the leaves resemble those of a vine and the design lacks the coiled tendrils of the foxgrape.

This design is also known in small vases, 22cm high, with simpler drawing and colouring, using underglaze blue and polychrome.

Reference: Wirgin 1999, p 175, the 'redcurrant' garniture.