

Four Song Dynasty Celadon-Glazed Pottery Bowls

£245



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Height: 5 cm (2")

Diameter: 15 cm (5.9")

Description

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A beautifully restrained group of four Chinese celadon-glazed pottery bowls, dating to the Song dynasty (960-1279). Their softly rounded forms and pale, subtly varied celadon glaze embody the quiet refinement for which Song ceramics are celebrated.

The bowls are covered in a delicate pale green glaze, its gentle tonal shifts and pooling around the curves revealing the hand of the potter and the character of the firing. Their simple profiles are central to their appeal: rather than relying on elaborate decoration, Song potters achieved beauty through proportion, balance, surface, and the luminous quality of the glaze itself.

Celadon wares of this period represent one of the great achievements of Chinese ceramic history. The technical skill required to produce their distinctive translucent green tones was matched by an aesthetic that prized understatement, naturalness, and harmony. These bowls offer a compelling example of that sensibility, each retaining its own subtle variation while forming a harmonious group.

Displayed together, they make an elegant collection for a cabinet, table, or scholarly interior. They would also offer a thoughtful addition to a collection of Chinese ceramics, Asian art, or early glazed pottery. Their serene forms and enduringly modern appearance continue to explain the fascination that Song dynasty celadons have held for collectors over centuries.