

Basic Detail Report



Waterpot

Date

late 17th century

Medium

porcelain, underglaze copper red and overglaze enamel

Description

The Manchu rulers of the Ch'ing regime, which replaced the Ming rulers in 1644, sent large orders to the imperial kilns at Ching Te-chen for ceramics that emulated those of China's great past. Among the objects produced at this time was this water pot with a rose spray design, which

bears the six-character reign mark of Emperor K'ang-hsi. The application of reign marks, while common in the Ming dynasty (1368-1644), was apparently forbidden by imperial edict in 1677. This might explain the erratic appearance of reign marks in the K'ang-hsi period as well as the predominance of earlier Ming reign marks and symbols used. The water pot is a beehive form with steep sides terminating in a lipped rim around the wide mouth.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 x 5 1/8 in. (7.6 x 13 cm)