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Pair of Mennecy Porcelain Tureens and Covers, Circa 1770

£495

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Height: 10 cm (3.9")

Width: 30 cm (11.8")

Depth: 24 cm (9.4")

Description

A rare and charming pair of 18th-century Mennecy porcelain tureens and covers, made in France circa 1770. Elegantly formed and delicately decorated, these refined serving pieces capture the lightness, colour, and naturalistic ornament that distinguish the best French porcelain of the period.

Each tureen is decorated with scattered floral sprigs, painted in soft yet lively colours against a pale porcelain ground. The covers are crowned by finely modelled fruit finials, giving the pair a wonderfully sculptural quality and a sense of playful Rococo abundance. The combination of painted flowers and three-dimensional fruit decoration reflects the 18th-century fascination with nature, gardens, and the pleasures of the table.

The Mennecy manufactory, active near Paris during the 18th century, was celebrated for its soft-paste porcelain and the delicacy of its forms and decoration. Pieces from the factory were made for an increasingly sophisticated French market, and tureens of this type would have formed part of an elegant table service for entertaining.

Beautifully presented as a pair, these tureens would make a striking addition to a collection of French porcelain, an 18th-century dining table, or a decorative interior. Their balanced proportions, finely painted floral ornament, and distinctive fruit finials make them equally appealing as functional tableware and as objets d'art.

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