



Spring Collection



Dear collectors,

Let me introduce you a small selection of
Chinese snuff bottles I especially selected
to celebrate Spring.

I hope you will enjoy this small catalog,
All the best,

Laurence Souksi

Millefiori

A porcelain snuff bottle of flattened elongated pear form, painted in “famille rose” enamels with a very nice “mille fleurs” design.

18th century.

Height: 7,4 cm



The Golden Twins



A pair of porcelain snuff bottles with six lobed panels each painted in “famille rose” enamels with stylized flowers.

Apocryphal Qianlong mark.

Guangxu Period, 1875-1908.

Height : 5 cm each

The Snuggly Duckling

A glass enamel snuff bottle of compressed rounded form, delicately enamelled on white glass with a scene depicting a duck on a lotus pond on one side and a goose on the other;

The base inscribed with a four-character mark “Qianlong nianzhi”.

Yangzhou, 1770-1799.

Height: 4,3 cm





Sense and Sensibility

A porcelain snuff bottle of cylindrical form, painted in “famille rose” enamels on a light blue ground with a floral motif.

1820-1880.

Height: 7,5 cm.

Les fleurs du mal

A porcelain snuff bottle of square form, painted in “famille rose” enamels with peonies on one side and Li Tieguai (one of the eight Immortals) and two bats on the other.

1820-1880.

Height: 5,8 cm.



The Three Musketeers





Aramis

A glass snuff bottle of flattened rectangular form, the white body with overlay of pink, blue, yellow, green and brown, carved with a scene depicting flowers, two bats, butterfly and rocks. Mask and ring handles on the shoulders.

Yangzhou, 1800-1840.

Height : 6,5 cm.

Porthos

A glass snuff bottle carved on an opaque white ground with flowers in pink, green, blue and yellow overlays.

1780-1850.

Height : 6,5 cm.



Athos

A glass snuff bottle of baluster shape, the opaque white body with overlay of five colors, carved with a finger-citron, a peach, a pomegranate, leaves and bat.

1800-1850.

Height : 6,7 cm.



Provenance : Collection O. Debosque / Vente Millon et Jutheau – 14 décembre 1989 – lot n° 11

The Pink Lady

A glass snuff bottle of flattened rectangular form, the white body with overlay of red carved with a scene depicting a bird perched on a prunus tree and a seal « jixiang » which reads « good luck »; the reverse with flowers and « jardinère », rocks and a bat. Mask and ring handles. The neck and the foot with a red overlay ring.

Yangzhou, 1780-1850.

Height : 7 cm.



Provenance : Private French Collection

Lime and Lemon



A porcelain snuff bottle moulded as a finger citron with characteristic gnarled end, covered in a yellow glaze dappled in green to simulate the rind.

1820-1880.

Length: 7 cm.



A porcelain snuff bottle moulded as a lotus glazed in green with pink flowers.

1820-1880.

Length: 6 cm.

Miss Rorschach

A brass Japanese butterfly-form snuff bottle decorated with an inlaid stylized design of abalone shell and gold and silver foil lacquer ground.

Matching stopper.

Japan, 1854-1930.

Height: 6 cm.



Provenance: Old Dutch collection.

Gone With the Wind

A pair of porcelain snuff bottle of bulbous form, painted in “famille rose” enamels in a continuous scene with three butterflies and a flower on one side; the reverse with four butterflies and a snail. A stylized pattern around the neck. Apocryphal Kangxi mark.
1830-1880.
Height : 5,8 cm.





Vulcan

A glass snuff bottle of ovoid flattened form, supported on a neatly finished footrim, the a glass suffused with dapples of red.

18th century.

Height : 6,2 cm.

Spring

A glass snuff bottle of flattened rectangular form painted inside with a riverscape, pavilions, cascade and an arched stone bridge on one side; swallows, willow trees and blossoming peach trees on the other with an inscription which reads “ Painted by” with one seal of the artist.

Height: 6,5 cm.

Provenance: The Swain Collection / Christies, Paris - Novembre 2008, lot n°49 - Illustrated.



Indian Summer

An inside painted yellow glass snuff bottle of elongated rectangular form, painted inside with a bird on a pomegranate on one side, the reverse with a cat on a rock looking at a butterfly.

Signed Bai Langchen with a red seal.

Cocorico

A porcelain snuff bottle of ovoid form with a lipped rim and wide mouth, painted in underglaze blue and copper red with peonies and foliage decoration. Bronze stopper carved with stylized leaves and flowers. 1800-1850.

Height: 6,3 cm.

Provenance:
Collection Heliot Fils - Paris

Dream in Blue

A porcelain snuff bottle of square form, painted in underglaze blue with peonies and foliage decoration. Three bats around the neck.

1820-1880.

Height : 5,5 cm.



Lily

An agate snuff bottle of flattened rectangular form, of honey colour, with a silver mount of «Art Nouveau» style. «Swan» hallmark of importation to France.
The agate of the 19th century
Height: 7 cm.





Price List

Millefiori - 6500€

Golden Twins - 7000€

Snuggly Duckling - 2800€

Sense and Sensibility - 1200€

Les fleurs du Mal - 1300€

Aramis - 2500€

Porthos - 3000€

Athos - 3800€

The Pink Lady - 6500€

Lime - 1400€

Lemon - 1400€

Miss Roschach - 4000€

Gone With the Wind - 6500€

Vulcan - 3000€

Spring - 3500€

Indian Summer - 2500€

Cocorico - 2100€

Dream in Blue - 1300€

Lily - Price upon request