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LARGE CERAMIC VASE IN GREEN CHINA - HAN DYNASTY (206 B.C. - A.D. 220)

MATERIAL AND METHOD: Beige terracotta vase covered in a thick green glaze. Round and bulbous in shape with narrow shoulders, saucer-shaped mouth and neck that flares upwards. It rests on a pedestal and has two series of thin horizontal lines decorated in relief.

Excellent state of preservation. Traces of calcification.

ORIGIN: The Chinese were very clever people who discovered a wide range of techniques to perfect the art of pottery. With this piece we witness one of their many inventions : the green lead glaze, achieved by mixing feldpars with copper oxide. To obtain this color the artist would have to use a very well-designed oven with the capacity of reaching a temperature of 800 degrees, something which the West would discover much later.

MEASUREMENTS: Height 38 cm (14.9")

CULTURAL PASSPORT issued by the French Ministry of Culture. Passport n° 160751.

MUSEOGRAPHY: A similar object is exhibited at Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington-USA, under number F1900.45.

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