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A pair of ormolu mounted cobalt blue ground vases and covers, late 19th century, each tapered body flanked by moulded gilt masks beneath the angular mounted handles, the domed covers with acanthus fruit knobs, raised on gilt metal and white marble bases, height 27cm (some faults).

Estimate: £80 - £120

Condition Report

The taller of the 2 vases has a 2.5cm by 3cm dark blemish to the body on one side beneath the gilt metal rim - this would seem to be later restoration/filling to hide a manufacturing flaw, the remains of which is visible to the interior side, see images 6 and 10 on our website. This vase also has a vertical firing crack visible beneath one of the moulded masks - see image 9 on our website.

The vases are not quite a pair as they are slightly different heights - 27cm and 25.5cm high. There is also a slight difference to the size of the gilt painted foliate detail around the bases of the vases above the gilt metal stems and feet.

There are a couple of tiny nicks to the inner flange of one cover, quite insignificant.

Otherwise they are in good condition overall with only light typical surface scratches to the blue grounds.

The mounts are in good order.

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