

Gu-shaped vase

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	51.162.1 
Type:	vase; pottery
Date of production:	Second half of 16th century Ming dynasty
Place of production:	Jiangxi province, China
Marks:	Six-character cobalt Jiajing reign mark (1522—1566) in double cartus
Materials:	porcelain
Techniques:	painting; scratch; underglaze blue
Dimensions:	height: 20 cm diameter (base): 10 cm
Acquisition:	Collected by János Xántus (?)

The shape of this vase resembles that of gu vessels, that is, ancient bronze ceremonial items. The broken outline of the porcelain body reflects the stiff contours and projecting ornaments of metal vessels. There is stripe motif above the base.

