

Teacup

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: **59.18.1** 

Type: **vessel; object for daily use; pottery**

Date of production: 12th–13th centuries
Song dynasty

Place of production: **Fujian province, China**

Materials: **stoneware**

Techniques: **glazed; painted**

Dimensions: height: 7.2 cm
diameter (mouth): 12.1 cm
diameter (base): 3.9 cm

The use of Jian teacups was particularly promoted by monastic communities in Zhejiang province. These ceramics were taken to Japan by those Japanese monks who visited the monasteries of the Tianmu Mountain. In Japan, they came to be known under the name of tianmu, or, with Japanese pronunciation, temmoku. Southern Song dynasty.

