

Porcelain Pitcher Grapes, by Minsk Factory, 1968-83.

Stands nearly 7" tall to the tip of the spout. Lavish and tasteful design in cobalt, glaze and gilt. The stopper is unfortunately missing. Maker marked on the bottom. This version of the Minsk Porcelain Factory logo was in use from 1968 to 1983 (fig. # 521 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). This is a less common manufacturer of this model, most of them were produced at LFZ, the Lomonosov Porcelain Factory.

In excellent, outstanding condition. Only very slight wear to the gilt on top of the handle shows that the pitcher has ever been used. There is no wear or damage anywhere visible to the naked eye even at close inspection.

In 1883, the Minsk Tile Factory was founded on the banks of the Perespa river, right near a rich deposit of white clay. Up until 1951, the factory manufactured tiles, terracotta decorations, bricks, household ceramics.

Completely destroyed during WW2, the factory was rebuilt after the war. From 1951, its main production switched from utilitarian to decorative porcelain. The factory was renamed the Minsk Porcelain Factory. Initially, the models were "borrowed" from the famous LFZ, Konakovo, and Dulevo factories but by early 1960s, the Minsk Factory began using the models of their own masters.

In post-Soviet times, the factory shared the fate of many Soviet enterprises that found themselves unable to handle the new realities and went bankrupt. In 2009, the factory was closed, making its products all that more valuable to collectors.

Please note that the teaspoon in our photo is for size reference.

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