

Set of Two Hand-Painted Porcelain Tea Cups Cherries, by Dulevo Porcelain Factory, 1951.

Each cup stands 2" tall, measuring 3 1/2" across at the lip and 2" across at the foot. Maker marked and dated on the bottom (fig. # 242 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). "2c" and "51" under the factory's graphic logo stand for second quality rating, and the year 1951. Laconic cherry-themed artwork with lots of white space between the elements is charmingly reminiscent of Limoges porcelain.

In excellent condition. The 2nd quality rating implies the presence of minute imperfections incurred during production - tiny dark dots in the white mass, which do not affect the quality or usability of the items. There is also a little bit of wear to the ornament at the lip of the cups visible at close inspection.

Dulevo Porcelain Factory is the biggest Russian facility producing a wide assortment of porcelain and faience household, presentational and purely decorative items. It was founded in 1832 by a Russian merchant, Terentiy Kuznetsov. By the end of the 19th century, the Kuznetsovs had created a porcelain manufacturing empire producing 75% of all Russian porcelain and faience, famous for its high standards of quality. In 1918, the factory was nationalized and renamed into Dulevo Newspaper Pravda Porcelain Factory. The factory stayed open during WW2 manufacturing items needed for the war effort. In the post-Soviet period, the factory first was in co-ownership by its personnel but in 2012 was bought out by a couple of private Russian entrepreneurs.

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

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