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Pair of Japanese Imari bowls, early 18th century POA

Pair of Japanese Imari bowls, early 18th century, each decorated to the exterior with an ogee-shaped panel containing a landscape scene with two figures looking out from a bridge at a rocky waterfall, small dwelling with pine and distant mountains, all against a dense ground of cherry blossom, clouds and swirling waves, the foot with a narrow band of blue wave pattern, the rim with a band of flowerheads and scrolling foliage in iron-red and gilt in reserve against a dark blue ground, the interior with further clouds and waves, with chrysanthemum, cherry blossom and foliage, the central roundel with a spray of peony; the base with a single floral spray within double circle in underglaze blue.

Dimensions:

Diameter: 25.2cm. (9 7/8in.)

## Condition:

One with faint hairline to rim and small chip to footrim, the other with a shallow chip to rim, some wear to enamels in central roundel.

Material and Technique	Porcelain with underglaze blue and overglaze enamel decoration in the Imari palette
Origin	Japanese
Period	18th Century
Diameter	25.2cm. (9 7/8in.)

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