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Pair of Japanese Imari baluster vases and covers, c. 1700
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Pair of Japanese Imari baluster vases and covers, c.1700, decorated in underglaze cobalt blue, overglaze enamels and gilt to the large bodies with shaped cartouches containing a hawk perching upon the bough of a blossoming cherry tree, and fan-shaped panels containing a 'bijin' pulling a cart with a large jardinière of flowering chrysanthemum and grasses, and further panels containing various flowers including trailing wisteria, all against a ground of peony blossoms amongst scrolling foliage in underglaze blue with gilt highlights, the shoulders and cover with large curling ogee-shaped panels containing Japanese phoenix (ho-ho) and butterflies against a red ground, the neck with further cartouches with curling flowerheads in reserve and gilt, and gilt daisies inbetween, the domed lids surmounted by karashishi decorated in gilt and overglaze enamels.

Condition: One cover restored

Material and Technique	Porcelain with enamel and gilt decoration
Origin	Japanese
Period	18th Century
Condition	Very good
Dimensions	Height: 57.2cm. (22 1/2in.); 59cm. (23 1/4in.)

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