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Iznik Dish

Ottoman Turkey, ca. 1570

Fritware painted with white slip and polychrome decoration under a clear glaze

27.5 cm diameter

Stock no.: A6118

Provenance: French private collection since 1980

An Iznik dish with scalloped rim decorated with a stylised rock and wave border. The centre is decorated with red carnations and blue tulips sprouting from a tuft of grass. Unusually, cobalt blue roots grow from the grass. Similar cobalt blue roots, this time in more obvious palmette form, are seen on a dish in the Musée de la Renaissance, Écouen. (no. E.Cl.8127) dated to ca. 1590.¹ Another example of a dish floral decoration with roots is in the Ömer Koç collection, dated ca. 1560–1580.²

The reverse is decorated with alternating tulips and prunus blossoms, with a solid blue glaze to the foot.

[1] Hitzel, Frédéric, and Mireille Jacotin. *Iznik : L'aventure d'une collection*. Paris : Réunion des musées nationaux, 2005, p. 160, cat. 178.

[2] Bilgi, Hulya. *The Ömer Koç Iznik Collection*. Istanbul: 2015, cat. 85.