



The Blenheim Palace tea canister (above left) is probably Kangxi Dynasty (1662 - 1722) as it is part of a substantial collection of Kangxi at the palace. It is decorated with a pair of confronting cockerels. The cockerel is the 10th sign of the Chinese Zodiac, and a symbol of courage & faithfulness and to protect against fire.

The tea canister (above right) is also Chinese, the bottom is unglazed, so therefore no mark. It is painted in overglaze enamels in the Famille Verte palette. The shape is octagonal and it measures 8.5cm x 10.5cm. The canister is small, and was made for the European market reflecting the fact that tea was expensive and only small amounts were purchased.

I would like to know more about the decoration and the date, if anybody is able to help.