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Japan, late 20th century

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The bottom signed 'Kutani Masahiko' in red

This exquisite late 20th-century Japanese porcelain vase by **Tokuda Yasokichi III** (born Masahiko), a former **Living National Treasure**, showcases his innovative *saiyū*-glaze technique. The elegant, rounded form features a stunning gradient of deep indigo, emerald green, and subtle purple hues, reminiscent of twilight skies or ocean currents. This dynamic use of color, which deliberately omits red, redefined traditional **Kutani ware**. Tokuda, a third-generation master, transformed Kutani aesthetics through bold experimentation, making color the primary subject. Signed "Kutani Masahiko," the vase stands 18 cm tall and comes with its original signed *tomobako* (wooden storage box).