
PAGODA RED



WHITE AGATE SNUFF BOTTLE

\$188

c. 1900 • China • Agate • Collection #CESB057

W: 1.5" D: 1.25" H: 2.5"

A mixture of finely powdered tobacco, herbs, and spices, snuff was introduced to China in the 17th century by Western diplomats. Initially reserved for ranking members of Qing-dynasty society, the practice provided an opportunity to display one's refined aesthetic through collectible snuff bottles. This minimal snuff bottle is carved of translucent white agate, shaped with a tapered rectangular body, broad shoulders, and a constricted bottle neck. This type of stone was a favored material for snuff bottles, because agate was less prone to shattering than glass in colder climates. Continued...



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The pale stone has been finely polished with a smooth finish and a beautiful luster.

Original stopper has been lost.



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