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CLOUD SPANDREL WALNUT BENCH

\$1,880

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Walnut • Collection #SSS053

W: 48.25" D: 12.5" H: 20.25"

The perfect marriage of material and design, this gorgeous bench plays off the swirling grain and knots of solid walnut in the exuberant curves of the carved cloud spandrels and gentle taper of its round, ladder-style legs. Traditionally Chinese benches had a low profile, but during the Qing dynasty higher designs influenced by European versions came into fashion. Although stools or chairs remained the more common seating option in homes, benches were often found in public theaters or temples.



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