
PAGODA RED



STONE TABLETOP ALTAR

\$35,580

c. 1600 • Shanxi, China • Limestone • Collection #BJD067

W: 31.0" D: 13.5" H: 10.0"

This tabletop altar with scrolled edges, scalloped apron and turned legs from China's Shanxi province is a rare find. We conservatively estimate it to be late Ming Dynasty (c. 1600), but it is very likely even older. This altar was carved by hand from a single block of limestone and retains a black and red polychrome finish that may have been original to the piece or could have been added years later. The wonderful texture of the stone is a result of oxidation that would have taken place over hundreds of years. Continued...



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Stone furniture came into its own in China during the Ming Dynasty and was generally considered to be vital architecture of a traditional Chinese garden.



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