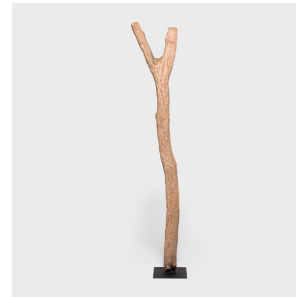

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MALIAN DOGON LADDER

\$4,680

c. 1900 • Mali • Wood • Collection #CAA628C

W: 16.0" D: 5.0" H: 89.0"

The Dogon people of Mali lived a vertical life. With homes set into cliff faces and orchards to harvest, tree ladders were integral tools of daily life. Adding depth and texture, a pattern of well-worn steps darkens the wood, balanced by the asymmetry of the ladder's forked top. The wood's natural curves and precisely spaced steps easily conjure images of a serpent resting in warm grass. Hand-carved from single tree trunks, the practical design of this ladder lives on as a spirited, sculptural object.



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