## PAGODA RED









### **LOTUS MORTAR**

#### \$1,280

c. 1850 • Shaanxi, China • Wood, Iron • Collection #Z199B H: 8.0'' Dia: 7.0''

This finely crafted mortar and pestle was cast by hand of iron during the late 19th century in the Shanxi region of China. It is decorated with lotus pods and blossoms, symbols of growth and harmony. In traditional Chinese medicine, it is believed that herbal medicine alone could not cure a person's illness. A physician would strive to help balance their patient's vital energy, or yin and yang—a person is believed to become ill when these two aspects lose harmony.

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**Additional Dimensions** 

Mallet: 11.75" X 4" X 3.25" (3 lbs.)