PAGODA RED









MING CIZHOU WINE JAR

\$4,680

c. 1600 • China • Ceramic, Glaze • Collection #CMK121 H: 25.0" Dia: 17.0"

This impressive glazed vessel dates to the early 17th century and was used to store wine and spirits made from rice and other grains. The Ming-dynasty jar has an elegant, tapered form and is beautifully glazed with neutral earth-tones in a style characteristic of cizhou ware. Lotus blossoms and other florals decorate the high shoulders, expressively brushed in warm browns atop a creme-white slip base. Horizontal bands of vines and petals cascade downwards from the narrow neck, followed by a repeating pattern of large florals. Continued...

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Marked with wear and imperfections, the large jar has only become more beautiful with age, a testament to the timelessness of handmade pottery.