
PAGODA RED



GUARDIAN LION DOG

\$19,880

c. 1700 • Shanxi, China • Limestone • Collection #BJD066

W: 16.25" D: 13.0" H: 21.0"

This ancient stone guardian lion shishi was carved by hand out of a single block of limestone. The artisan beckoned the guardian out from the stone, manipulating the unyielding material with masterful precision. Intricately carved with a gleeful expression, this mythical fu lion dog was likely a decorative yet meaningful architectural component, perhaps commissioned by a wealthy landowner to adorn his Qing-dynasty home as a protector. Gently textured with the fantastic character of time, areas of the stone show the oxidation and smoothness that come with centuries of touch.



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Additional Dimensions:

With Pedestal: 17"W x 13"D x 56.5"H



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