PAGODA RED









BAMBARA OIL LAMP

\$2,880

c. 1900 • Mali • Iron • Collection #CAA1554

W: 18.5" D: 4.0" H: 40.75"

Crafted by a blacksmith of the Bambara people of West Africa, this iron lamp once illuminated nighttime rituals and mask performances. Burning tulu oil made from tree nuts, the lamp gave off a distinctive smoky glow that was ideal for spiritual rites. The iron lamp was forged with branching limbs, each ending in a ladle-like cup. On its own or hosting flickering votive candles, this sculptural lamp lights up modern interiors with its sense of history and sculptural presence.