
PAGODA RED



JAPANESE GILT TABAKO-BON WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL PAGODA

\$580

Mid-20th Century • Japan • Wood, Lacquer, Metal, Mother of Pearl • Collection #CANT009

W: 8.75" D: 6.25" H: 8.0"

This handled box is a Japanese tabako-bon, or 'tobacco tray,' used to store tobacco and smoking accessories. Believed to have evolved from the traditional accessories of Japanese incense ceremony, tabako-bons first came into use in the 17th century and were often beautifully decorated to display one's wealth and status. This tabako-bon has a brilliant gold finish painted with trailing vines and serene landscapes. The back is painted with a towering pagoda inlaid with abalone or mother-of-pearl. The tabako-bon would have originally been paired with a small hibachi (hi-ire) for lighting pipes and small container for dumping hot ashes and other waste. Continued...



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Additional Dimensions:

Box: 8.75"W x 6.25"D x 5.5"H

Drawers: 3.25"W x 5.25"D x 1.



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