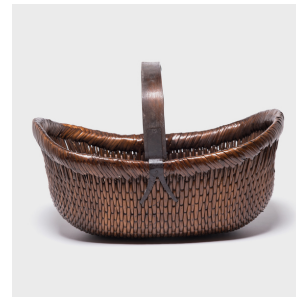

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MARKET BASKET

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c. 1900 • Shanxi, China • Willow • Collection #BJFF087E

W: 21.75" D: 14.75" H: 18.75"

It is easy to imagine someone, long ago, walking to market on a beautiful day with this basket slung over their arm. Basket making is an ancient and humble craft, but in the hands of a truly skilled weaver willow branches, like these, can be transformed into a functional work of art. Young willow branches grow quickly, are strong and flexible, and so are the perfect basket making material. In China willow symbolizes renewal, spring, and immortality. The low, trough-like form of this example elevates fruit in the kitchen or provides a storied home for bread on a grand buffet.



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