

BROWN GLAZED HU VASE

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c. 1850 • China • Terra Cotta, Glaze • Collection #CESB063 H: 6.5" Dia: 5.5"

This small terracotta vessel is a beautiful example of provincial Chinese ceramics. The vase is sculpted in the ancient hu form, a shape defined by its wide shoulders, narrow neck, and flared lip. Over time, the Hu vase form evolved into the modern lidded vessel known as a baluster jar or ginger jar.

The vase is etched with scrollwork resembling archaistic dragons and flanked with faux handles in the shape of mythical fu lions. The exterior is finished with a light brown glaze, wonderfully textured with drip marks and firing imperfections.

Minor chips to rim.