



AMETHYST SNUFF BOTTLE

\$580

c. 1900 • China • Gems • Collection #CHIW014

W: 1.5" D: 0.75" H: 3.0"

A mixture of finely powdered tobacco, herbs, and spices, snuff was introduced to China in the 17th century by Western diplomats. Initially reserved for ranking members of Qing-dynasty society, the practice provided an opportunity to display one's refined aesthetic through collectible snuff bottles. This late 19th-century snuff bottle is made of a single piece of amethyst, carved in low relief with leafy grape vines laden with fruit. The beautifully worked stone bottle is finished with a simple glass stopper and fitted with an intact bone snuff spoon. Continued...



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Elevated by a petite wooden stand, the beautifully worked stone bottle is finished with an amethyst stopper and fitted with an intact bone snuff spoon.



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