## PAGODA RED



## PAIR OF PLUM BLOSSOM BENCHES

## \$3,880

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Northern Elmwood • Collection #BJH088 W: 40.0" D: 11.5" H: 20.0"

This pair of 19th-century square corner benches blend the clean lines of Ming-dynasty design with a Qing-dynasty flair for the decorative. Each bench is constructed using traditional joinery with a floating panel top and straight square legs ending in scroll-form feet. Decorative oblong cutouts form the aprons, trimmed with a finely beaded edge. The spandrels are carved with archaistic dragons on the sides and delicate plum blossoms on the fronts, symbols of winter and longevity. Recently refinished to a dark brown, we love these benches as everyday seating in modern interiors.