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## GNARLED ROOT TABLE

**\$2,480**

c. 1900 • Shanxi, China • Cypress • Collection #BJH010

W: 32.0" D: 16.0" H: 26.25"

This unusual display table is formed from the spectacular, gnarled roots of a Chinese cypress tree (baimu). The table dates to the late-Qing dynasty, an era in which an elite class of artists and literati cultivated a taste for nature's unpredictable organic forms. Like a scholar's rock, the table most likely lived in an artist's studio to inspire creativity with its spontaneous, wild beauty. Finished with a flat top, the twisted root form is as much a functional table as it is a work of sculpture.



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