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## GREY AGATE SNUFF BOTTLE

**\$128**

c. 1900 • China • Agate • Collection #CESB058

W: 2.0" D: 0.75" H: 2.5"

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 minimal snuff bottle is carved of translucent grey agate, shaped with a flattened round body, high shoulders, and a narrow bottle neck. The body tapers, becoming more slender at the base. The stone is skillfully polished to a beautiful luster.

Original stopper has been lost.



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