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MANTOU DISC

\$1,680

c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Ceramic • Collection #BJG009A

W: 20.5" D: 6.0" H: 25.5"

This unusual ceramic disc is actually an early 20th-century plate used as a surface for steaming large batches of mantou buns. The fluffy wheat flour buns have been popular in northern China since the Han dynasty (206 BCE - 206 CE) and would have a common find in a Qing-dynasty kitchen. With a striking design and richly aged texture, this everyday utensil becomes a storied sculptural object when set upon a custom steel stand.



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