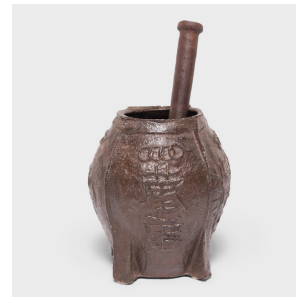
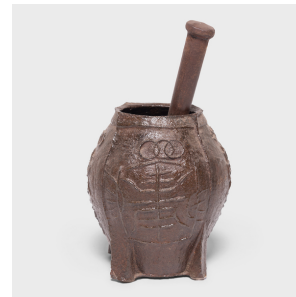

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CAST IRON LONGEVITY MORTAR

\$1,480

c. 1950 • Northern China, China • Iron • Collection #CAI093I

H: 11.75" Dia: 7.0"

Cast in iron with a raised design, this vintage mortar was originally used in a traditional apothecary to create herbal medicines. The swelling shape allowed free movement of a pestle to effectively grind, mash, and macerate herbs and seeds in preparation of healing remedies. Among the Chinese characters cast in low relief on the mortar's sides, is a large shou character, a symbol of longevity and good fortune. Beautifully aged with a rich patina, this iron mortar is perfect as a petite planter or home accent.



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