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MONUMENTAL MILL WHEEL

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c. 1900 • Shanxi, China • Pine, Iron • Collection #TLB116A H: 69.0" Dia: 69.0"

Hewn from pine and held together with handmade iron nails, this provincial wooden wheel is a remarkable example of turn-of-the-century craftsmanship. Its monumental scale suggests it was used not as a wagon wheel, but as a turning element of a Qing-dynasty mill. The thick outer rim is comprised of nine hand-carved logs, secured in place by iron hardware and eighteen wooden spokes connected to a central wheel shaft. A century of use has enhanced the wood's raw texture and exaggerated the irregular grain patterns. Continued...

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Whether mounted as a sculpture or simply leaning against the wall, this monumental wheel is a true show-stopper.

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