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FOOTED STONE MORTAR

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c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Limestone • Collection #Z049L

H: 6.25" Dia: 7.0"

Over a century of healers grinding herbs with a pestle for traditional Chinese medicine smoothed the interior of this mid-19th century stone apothecary mortar. The ring around the top of the exterior was hand-carved to add a flourish, imitating the hoop of a barrel. At the gallery, we love the simplicity of doming moss in the recess and, suddenly, such a storied vessel begins a new chapter.



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