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Chinese Imperial Gold Brick (jin Zhuan) On A Solid Wood Display Table On M



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Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Width : 74

Height : 80

Depth : 73

Description

An exceptional and richly decorated Chinese imperial gold brick (Jin Zhuan / ??), displayed on a custom-made solid wood display table featuring two drawers and a lower open-slatted shelf. A remarkable blend of Chinese history, traditional craftsmanship, and functional furniture design. Imperial gold bricks are among the most beautiful architectural ceramics ever produced in China. They were reserved exclusively for the country's most prestigious imperial buildings, such as the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Temple of Heaven, and other major palace complexes. Their name does not refer to gold, but to their extraordinary quality and value. The manufacturing process was extremely demanding. Each brick required about two years of work. The fine clay was refined several times before being

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slowly fired using three different types of wood, allowing for precise control of the kiln temperature throughout the process. The bricks were then cooled and dried slowly for about 120 to 130 days, resulting in a ceramic of exceptional density and durability. One of the essential characteristics of an authentic Imperial Gold Brick is the clear, crystalline metallic sound it produces when tapped lightly, attesting to its exceptional density and quality. The brick retains its original Chinese firing marks, further underscoring its historical significance. The centuries-old craft of making imperial gold bricks nearly disappeared after the fall of Imperial China and was revived in the 1980s to support the restoration of the Forbidden City, thereby preserving one of China's most remarkable traditional crafts. The brick is displayed on a magnificent, handcrafted solid wood stand featuring two drawers and a very practical open-shelf bottom section. The stand perfectly showcases the brick and makes for an impressive display piece.

Dimensions
Gold Brick Width: 74 cm
Depth: 72.5 cm
Height: 10 cm
Total Height: 80 cm

Features
Chinese Imperial Gold Brick (Jin Zhuan)
Original Chinese kiln marks
Manufacturing process lasting approximately two years
Traditional firing using three different types of wood
Firing and drying time: approximately 120 to 130 days
Characteristic metallic sound when tapped
Extremely dense clay, fired at high temperature
Custom-made solid wood display case
Two drawers
Lower slatted shelf
Beautiful, rich patina
Condition
Good antique condition, with age-related wear, small chips and surface imperfections consistent with its age and historical use. The custom-made solid wood display stand is in excellent condition, with only slight signs of use. Please examine the photographs carefully, as they are an integral part of the description.