

Basic Detail Report



Yixing Incense Burner

Date

Qing dynasty (1644-1911)

Primary Maker

Unknown Chinese Artist

Medium

Ceramic

Description

The speckled, purplish-brown body well potted in the form of an alms bowl with steep sides rising to a gently rounded rim with a wide mouth. The mainstay of the distinctive stonewares produced at Yixing was a range of functional objects, many of them simple, relatively plain containers for potted plants, liquids and solids and, most famously, teapots from the Ming dynasty onwards. Although modeled in the shape of an alms bowl, the current example is quite large and has an unusually wide mouth, suggesting that it may have been intended as an incense burner.

Dimensions

Height x Diameter: 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 in. (8.9 x 16.5 cm)