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CHINESE ANTIQUE FURNITURE



## Red Lacquered Leather Chest

JIANSU PROVINCE, C19TH

**DIMENSIONS:** W:80 D:53 H:36 (cm)

**REFERENCE:** TR291

£1,250

This iconic domestic furnishing has acquired an interesting and beautiful patina where use over time has worn down the red lacquered surface revealing traces of the black lacquered undercoating and the original vellum.

Then as now this storage chest is a Chinese classic wonderfully adaptable for use and decoration within contemporary interiors.

Fine workmanship is evident in leather tautly stretched and neatly stitched over a thin wooden frame and then lacquered for protection and decoration.

In keeping with the simplicity of the rectangular shape, the metal ware is pared to a decorative and functional minimum.

The striking centred metal fortuitous ruyi lock design is a Chinese visual aesthetic and has widespread use in furniture and accessories.

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