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CHINESE ANTIQUE FURNITURE



Sale Price £1,900 pair (was £3,200) - Pair of Tall Black Lacquered Candle Stands

SHANXI PROVINCE C19TH

DIMENSIONS: W:28.5 D:28.5 H:141.5 - 174.5 (cm)

REFERENCE: CS186

£1,900 PAIR

These intricately carved black lacquered lamp stands were a beautiful and elegant way to provide light with aesthetic excellence in Chinese homes.

A candle would have been placed on the spike located on top of the pedestal within a shade to give a gentle, suffused lighting effect. The pedestals are supported by supremely elegant, gently upward curvature.

The upward curvature of the base echos that of the elegant curves under the top pedestal. There is also beautiful intricate carving within the two horizontal panels that link the vertical struts. The foot base is visually and physically strong.

As these candle stands were used much over time there is natural wear of some of the ladder adjustment mechanisms for height so only some of the height adjustments work.

This pair of lamp stands are objects of genuine beauty and rarity. The lacquer has been sympathetically restored in some parts, to reflect how it would have looked. The result is a visually rich and dramatic appearance.

In China lamps have not only a practical and aesthetic function but possess a spiritual dimension as carriers of light, which instigates the spirit world. Thus lighting and its presentation is an essential part of state, religious and family rituals.

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