



Wine Warmer (Jiaodou)

Date
618-906 CE

Medium
Gilded bronze

Description
This object is a three-footed vessel used to heat wine in preparation for drinking, and it was made during the Tang

dynasty (618-907).The curving lines on the inside of the vessel would have made the contents appear to undulate when heated. The raised dragon and phoenix at the center are Chinese motifs, but the surrounding string of pearls reveals a Western Asian influence.

Dimensions
2 1/2 × 5 1/8 × 7 in. (6.4 × 13 × 17.8 cm)