

Object Summary



Carved Spinach-Green Jade Horse Sculpture

15th - 16th century

China

Ming

Jade

Overall: 5 1/2 x 10 x 4 1/2 in. (14 x 25.4 x 11.4cm)

Carved of dark, green jade, this corporeal jade horse reclines peacefully with its heavy head resting across its back. The sculpture was carved in China during the Ming dynasty. During the Ming (1368—1644 CE) and Qing (1644—1912 CE) dynasties, recumbent jade horses were a common subject matter, although the motif of horses in Chinese art is often

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associated with the prosperous Tang dynasty (618—907 CE), an era known for both military expansion and artistic accomplishments, when great numbers of horses were transported to China via the Silk Road.