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Silk Heriz Carpet with Floral and Pomegranate Motifs

19th century

Iran

Qajar

Silk

81 1/4 x 54 in. (206.4 x 137.2 cm)

Heriz is a region in northwestern Iran that became known as a carpet-weaving center in the 19th century. Aimed primarily at the European market, Heriz carpets tend to be wider and longer than their typical Persian counterparts. Their designs are usually geometric, or as in this example, a highly angular version of the scrolling vegetal and floral patterns common in Iran. The field of this carpet has a red ground with pomegranate-like shapes at either end. Flowers extend from the top of each fruit, while stylized arabesque motifs fill the rest of the central ground. Around this is a series of borders, the largest on a navy ground with repeated medallions against a curving vine.