

Lobed terminal of a roof-tile decorated with dragon motif from Ming tombs near Beijing

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 838 

Type: ceramics; architectural fragment

Date of production: 17th century
Ming dynasty

Place of production: China

Materials: earthenware

Techniques: glazed; stamped

Dimensions: height: 2 cm
length: 21.7 cm

Acquisition: bequest of Zoltán Felvinczi Takács

On Chinese roofs, terminals of roof tiles were either circular (Chinese gotou) or semicircular, lobed tiles with a curved rim (Chinese dishui). Cloud-shaped, glazed terminals are characteristic examples of the latter type. The ornamental panel, framed with a broad, protuberant rim, depicts the figure of a dragon flying among clouds.

