

PAIR OF 19TH CENTURY THAI GLAZED EARTHENWARE DRAGON JARS

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Crafted in Thailand circa 1880, this pair of antique glazed earthenware jars reflects the long ceramic tradition associated with Ratchaburi and other central Thai pottery centers. Each vessel has a substantial ovoid body, broad rolled rim, and warm brown-to-amber glaze with naturally varied tonality and surface texture.

The decoration is especially distinctive. Large hand-incised dragons encircle the bodies, their sinuous forms detailed with scales, fins, claws, and expressive heads. Additional bands of stylized fish, radiating sunburst motifs, and abstract symbols enrich the surfaces, creating a layered decorative program with strong Asian character. The lighter incised decoration stands out beautifully against the darker glazed ground.

Originally made as utilitarian storage vessels, likely for water or preserved foods, jars of this type are now highly decorative objects in their own right. Their generous proportions make them well suited as floor vessels, planters, or sculptural accents in an entry, garden room, conservatory, or interior combining Asian and European antiques.

Both jars retain attractive age-related wear, including scattered glaze losses, abrasions, and surface irregularities consistent with 19th-century use. The pair is in good antique condition commensurate with age and use.

Dimensions: approximately 22" diameter x 25" H each.

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