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Archeologia, 2nd-1st Cty Bc/roman Period, Intact Terracotta Megarian Cup

480 EUR



Signature : Ateliers sud Italie, Ile / Ier s avt JC

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Diameter : 16cm

Height : 8cm

Description
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ARCHEOLOGY

ROMAN PERIOD circa -150 / -100 BC

Megarian terracotta bowl with circular frieze decoration (2 register) of classical vegetal and geometric motifs, specially palm and acanthus leaves. These bowls were used by our Roman ancestors to drink wine.

There is a clear difference of colour of raw material, diagonally, from a creamy white to a darker red colour with black traces, perhaps due to the firing of the piece or more likely to its archaeological preservation. White traces of limestone, confirming its authenticity without hindering the reading of the precious artefact

Dealer
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It is relatively rare to find these pieces intact - we more frequently find single shards of terracotta with these same vegetal motifs, zoomorphic and more rarely with figures, or even pieces reconstructed or glued together. Our piece here only has a simple discreet surface shine - please check photos

If these terracottas were originally produced around MEGARA HYBLAEA, their wide distribution is not only explained by the flourishing trade in all the colonies throughout the Roman Empire, but it is indeed the know-how itself of making these terracotta vessels that was transmitted throughout the Mediterranean basin, especially in south of Italy, specially in Sicily.

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