

Basic Detail Report



Food Storage Jar (Heron Class Olla)

Date

ca. 700-675 BCE

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

This early 7th century BCE Etruscan olla was probably used as a cinerary urn in a grave. Etruria was a wealthy and powerful region of Italy, whose arts were enriched

indigenously and by Greek artists who settled there to work for wealthy patrons. The vessel is a basic, bulbous mixing jar shape, but the simplified, schematized designs and patterns that encircle it in bands form a direct link to the further development of vase painting and design in Greece and Italy. Animals and human figures were first introduced into pottery decoration during this Geometric Period. In this example, stylized herons, which particularly characteristic of Etruscan pottery decoration, and a horse occupy the zones between concentric circles.

Dimensions

Overall: 15 1/2 x 17 5/8 x 14 7/8 in. (39.4 x 44.8 x 37.8 cm)