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Apulian Net Lekythos

An ancient Apulian Greek net lekythos with a crossed net pattern on the body with beaded knots in added white at the intersecting lines, flared black glazed spout and reserve band at the foot; feint X dipinto on the bottom.



Apulia, Magna Graecia.
Ca. 4th century BC.
Height: 6 5/8 in. (16.5 cm).

The output and quality of the Greek colonial potters working in Southern Italy increased greatly following the Peloponnesian War when Attic exports fell off sharply. South Italian Colonial Greek craftsmanship of the 4th century BC was an amalgamation of the Ionian (Athenian, Attic) conventions, and Doric (western colonial Greek) styles, with a noticeable native Italian aesthetic. The five predominant regional schools of South Italian pottery were: Apulian, Sicilian, Lucanian, Paestan, and Campanian.

cf.: R. Cassano, Principi imperatori vescovi: duemila anni di storia a Canosa, (Marsilio, 1992). no. 4, p. 257.

Formerly in the collection of Jerome Eisenberg, New York.

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