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Corinthian Aryballos

An ancient Corinthian Greek aryballos (olive oil vessel) of inverted pyriform shape with radiating tongues on the lip, shoulder and point; a wide scaled band at the waist.

Corinth.
Middle Corinthian, ca. 575 - 550 BC.
Height: 4 in. (10.2 cm).

The production of pottery from the northern Peloponnesian city of Corinth began around 720 BC and continued until about 550 BC. Corinthian clay is much more pale than the iron rich red clay of Athens in Attica that later supplanted it as the main Greek export ware in the Mediterranean.

Formerly in a New York private collection, acquired in Switzerland in the 1990s.

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