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# Cypriot Red Polished Ware Jug



An ancient Cypriot red polished Ware spouted jug with a single handle and lug at the neck, the surface incised with semi-circular and parallel geometric designs filled in with white lime.

Early Cypriot III; Red Polished Ware.
Ca. 2000 - 1800 BC.
Height: 4 3/8 in. (11 cm).

Red Polished Ware is a term applied to pottery of the Cypriot Bronze Age. Ceramics in this ware were handmade, monochrome vessels with smooth surfaces, painted in red or red-brown slips and burnished to a medium or high luster. They had a diverse range of forms, which included elaborate ritual vessels and zoomorphic shapes. Decorations typically consisted of incised motifs, relief decorations or mottled surfaces. The black rims and interiors of some vessels were created by use of specific and well-controlled firing techniques.

cf.: V. Karageorghis, Ancient Art from Cyprus: The Cesnola Collection, (New York, 2000), p. 30.

Formerly in the collection of The Cyprus Museum, Jacksonville, North Carolina, no. 97.The President of the Republic of Cyprus in 1990, George Vassiliou, recognized the owner of the Cyprus Museum, Takey Crist, as having acquired the museum's pieces with full legal recognition by the Republic of Cyprus.

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