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Daunian Phiale

An ancient Daunian phiale decorated in light brown slip with vegetal patterns around a slightly protruding mesomphalos (navel) with concentric rings.

Northern Apulia.
Ca. 5th century BC.
Diameter: 5 3/8 in. (13.7 cm).



The Daunians were native to the Adriatic coast of Italy. Despite the popularity of Greek and later South-Italian colonial Greek figural pottery, Daunian ware continued in its localized production to the end of the 4th century BC. Daunian ware is more rustic compared to black-glazed and red-figure ware with which it is contemporary.

Formerly in the collection of Jerome Eisenberg, New York; acquired from Charles Ede Ltd., London, in 1988.

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