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Etruscan Bucchero Amphora

An ancient Etruscan bucchero amphora of nikosthenic form with ovoid body, small foot, cylindrical neck flaring at the lip, incisions on the body; two reticulated openwork broad band handles decorated with felines.

Etruria.
Ca. 560 - 530 BC.
Height: 10 3/8 in. (26.3 cm).

Bucchero ware was the distinct local pottery type of ancient Etruria. It is distinguished by its delicately potted black earthen fabric as well as its glossy, burnished black surface, often with incision work. Bucchero ware was produced through the unique "reduction" method in which it was fired.

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Formerly in a German private collection.

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