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Greek Geometric Oinochoe

A small ancient Greek Geometric oinochoe with long neck, pinched lip and arching handle; with an intricate geometric decoration in reddish-brown paint.

Ca. 800 - 700 BC.
Height: 4 3/4 in. (12 cm).

Geometric pottery production began as Greece reemerged from the Dark Age after the decline of Mycenaean Bronze Age civilization. Geometric pottery was austere but precise in its execution. The shapes and decorative motifs that would eventually be predominant in Classical Greek vase painting are at first evident in Greek Geometric pottery of the 8th century BC.

Formerly in a New York private collection, acquired at Christie's, London, December 11, 1996, lot 134.

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