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Villanovan Impasto Amphora

An ancient Villanovan impasto pottery amphora with incised spirals and a crescent on either side.



Northern Italy.
Ca. 8th - 7th century BC.
Height: 5 in. (12.7 cm).

The so-called Villanovans (named after a modern town near Bologna) were the early Iron Age predecessors of the Etruscans. They are thought to have settled the area of Etruria, roughly modern Tuscany, in the 11th century BC. By the fourth century BC the Villanovans were assimilated by the Etruscans and overcome by the neighboring Gauls.

Formerly in an American private collection.

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