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Greek

Cyprus, Cypro-Geometric Period III, ca. 850-750 B.C.

Eleven Wheel-Made Black Slipware Vessels

Terracotta

Various dimensions

Provenance

Collection of Desmond Morris, England;

Christie's London, *The Desmond Morris Collection*, 14 May 2002, lot 95;

Private Collection, United States, acquired from the above.

While earlier vessels from the Cypro-Geometric Period were hand-moulded, vessels such as these were thrown on a potter's wheel, resulting in refined, symmetrical shapes. Thus, Cypriot wheel-made black slipware vessels from the Cypro-Geometric Period III represent a peak in ancient Cypriot pottery craftsmanship. Characterized by buff to reddish-brown clay covered in a matte or lustrous black slip, these ancient ceramics often featured highly detailed, elegant forms like fluted jugs and amphoriskoi.

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