

GREEK HELLENISTIC CORE-FORMED GLASS OINOCHOE

GreekGlass

H: 22 cm (8.6 in)

Reference: 16730



This very large oinochoe is an exceptional example of ancient glass vessels made in the core-formed technique. It has an ovoid shape of the ample body with distinct downward taper and constriction at the base. A broad trefoil rim surmounts the tall cylindrical neck, which is set at an almost straight-angled junction with broad rounded shoulder. The coil handle of the same dark blue color glass has a small yellow glass appliqué set at its base, with a little acorn in relief.

The upper part of the body is decorated with opaque white, yellow, and blue trailing combed into a feather pattern with white and yellow trailing separating it from the lower portion of the body, which is decorated with opaque white, yellow, and blue trailing but worked in a festoon pattern. The yellow trailing encircles the neck. This oinochoe is both extraordinary in terms of its size and quality, and truly does represent a tour-de-force in core-formed glass.

CONDITION

Complete and excellent condition. Mat patina (shoulder, handle), minor chips.

PROVENANCE

Private glass collection, acquired in 1991; Ex-Swiss private collection, acquired prior to 1972.

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