



## Rare Stoneware Beer Jug From Raeren, Circa 1680-1720

1 500 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sandstone

Height : 12.5 cm



### Description

A rare and fully handmade stoneware beer jug attributed to Raeren, a historic pottery center in present-day Belgium. Dating from around 1680 to 1720, this jug is a striking example of post-Renaissance guild or tavern wares, combining robust craftsmanship with rich allegorical decoration.

#### Form:

The jug is shaped in the tall cylindrical Schnelle style, typical of Raeren tankards from the late 17th century. The upright, vertical body -- without belly or footring -- reflects functional and ceremonial use in taverns or brewing guilds. The flat base, narrow rim, and proportionally thick walls confirm a pre-industrial turning technique.

#### Material & Technique:

High-iron reddish-buff stoneware, kick-wheel

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thrown, and fired in oxidizing atmosphere -- producing its distinctive color. Visible salt bloom, kiln grit, and tool marks are authentic traces of early wood-fired kiln processes. The handle is applied manually, with a traditional vent hole, and the interior remains unglazed, showing clean wheel rings.

Decoration:

Three relief-molded allegorical figures:

Gambrinus (the legendary king of beer)

Bacchus (Roman god of wine)

Ceres (goddess of agriculture and grain)

Surrounded by Gothic tracery panels.

German inscription in applied Gothic script reads:

"ES LEBT HOCH, ES LEBE MIT DANK,  
GAMBRINUS, GERS UND HOPFEN RANK"

("Long live, with thanks to Gambrinus; barley and hops thrive.")

Each letter was individually impressed by hand, not molded -- a key mark of period craftsmanship.

Condition:

Excellent for its age. Natural surface patina, rim wear, and salt encrustation consistent with a vessel over 300 years old. No restoration or repairs

No restoration. UV tested Dimensions: height 12.5 cm, base diameter 10 cm