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Ancient Lekythos, Greece, Classical Period (475-450 B.c.) - Ceramic/terracotta



350 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Quelques manques

Material : Terracotta

Height : 11 cm

Description

Attic
white-ground black-figure lekythosAncient Greece475
- 450 B.C.TerracottaThis
Attic white-ground lekythos, crafted in terracotta circa 475 - 450
BC, belongs to a category of vessels closely associated with funerary
practices in Classical Greece. Its elegant, elongated profile
(comprising a ring foot, a cylindrical body, and a flaring shoulder
surmounted by a narrow, truncated neck) is characteristic of
containers intended for perfumed oils. The body is decorated with a
continuous ivy-leaf band framed by a geometric

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frieze beneath the
shoulder and a zone of black glaze covering the
lower body and foot
of the vessel. The shoulder is adorned with
radiating strokes, a
traditional decorative motif. The surface patina,
along with
minor wear and traces of long burial, lends the
object an authentic
and particularly evocative presence.Stylistically,
the piece belongs to the tradition of Attic
workshops of the early
Classical period, when the white-ground
technique experienced
significant development. The overall treatment of
the vase, the
elegance of its proportions, and the organization
of its decoration
reflect the restrained sophistication and refined
aesthetic
characteristic of Athenian production in the 5th
century BC. Its
present condition, marked by wear to the painted
surface, also
attests to the inherent fragility of white-ground
lekythoi, many of
which were deposited as grave offerings rather
than intended for
everyday use.