Ancient Lekythos, Greece, Classical Period (500 B.c.) - Attic Pottery/terracotta



330 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Quelques manques

Material : Terracotta

Height : 8,5 cm

Description

Attic red-ground lekythos with black-figure decorationAncient Greece500 BCTerracottaThis Attic terracotta lekythos, dating to circa 500 BC, exemplifies the refinement of Greek pottery at the transition between the Archaic and Classical periods. Resting on a ring foot partially covered in black glaze, the body is decorated with a series of finely executed stylised palmettes rendered with remarkable precision. The shoulder is adorned with a radiating motif characteristic of Attic production of this period, creating a dynamic transition towards the truncated neck. The surface patina, along with minor wear and traces of long burial, lends the object an authentic and particularly evocative presence.Produced in the workshops of Attica, this lekythos belongs to a class of vessels intended for the storage of

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perfumed oils, used both in daily life and in ritual contexts. At the dawn of the 5th century BC, as the Greek world underwent profound artistic and cultural change, Athenian potters developed an increasingly sophisticated visual language. A remarkable testimony to this tradition, the present example embodies the technical excellence and refined aesthetic sensibility that made Attic pottery one of the most celebrated expressions of ancient Greek art.