



Attic Kylix With The Engraved Greek Inscription ??????, 5th-4th Century B.c. Archaeology

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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ceramic

Diameter : 13.2 cm

Description

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Philon." This inscription can thus be understood as a mark of ownership: "[This cup belongs] to Philon."The last letter displays a unique form, differing from the usual shape of the sigma. This peculiarity could indicate a regional graphic variant or a less common epigraphic form, though it is impossible to determine this definitively without an in-depth comparative study. With its personal inscription, this cup offers particularly interesting insight into banquet customs and the practice of marking personal objects in ancient Greece. Kylikes bearing inscriptions of ownership are highly sought-after pieces, and this example is particularly rare on the market. Provenance: a former Lorraine collection assembled in the 19th century. Condition: archaeologically complete in form, with a gap corresponding to a missing fragment and another fragment that was previously reattached. Dimensions: diameter of 13.2 cm excluding handles; total width of 19.9 cm, including handles. A collector's item with a unique character, combining typological interest, the inscription's excellent state of preservation, and an ancient provenance. Price excludes shipping costs. Police Registry Ref.: A240. Professional Antique Dealer - Guarantee & peace of mind when purchasing. As a professional antique dealer, I am committed to offering only authentic items that have been carefully selected and are legally marketable. Each piece is chosen for its historical, aesthetic, or collectible value and undergoes a rigorous verification of its provenance. Invoice and Traceability. Each purchase comes with a detailed invoice and a certificate of authenticity, guaranteeing the item's provenance and ensuring complete transparency. Legal Compliance. All items comply with current French and European legislation. Any archaeological items are offered in accordance with the Heritage Code (Articles L.542-1 et seq.). Items that may be subject to specific regulations (cultural artifacts, antiques, items made of specific materials) are sold strictly in accordance with the law. International Buyers.

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