

# COLNAGHI



Greek  
Crete, ca. 700 B.C.

*Hydria*

Terracotta

h. 36.8 cm  
14 1/2 in.

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Provenance

Private Collection, New York, 1970s;  
Christie's New York, *Antiquities*, 8 June 2012, lot no. 60;  
Private Collection, United States, acquired from the above.

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The present vessel is a hydria, a vessel used for collecting and transporting water that became ubiquitous in the Greek world in the Archaic Period. Hydriae are characterized by their wide shoulder and narrow neck, ideal for keeping water from spilling during transit, and their three handles, two on the sides for carrying and one on the neck for pouring. This example from Crete has an ovoid body on a flat base with a wide cylindrical neck and a flaring mouth, decorated with foliate forms flanked by scrolling tendrils, interspersed with concentric circles, each enclosing additional decorative elements, separated by horizontal bands.

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