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Greek
Proto-Geometric Period, ca. mid-9th century B.C.

Krater

Terracotta
h. 21.9 cm
8 5/8 in.

Provenance

Formerly in a Swiss private collection, Geneva, acquired 1970s-80s;
Christie's London, Antiquities, 20 April 2005, lot no. 1;
Private Collection (United States), acquired from the above.

The present vase is a krater, a bowl for mixing wine and water for serving. Greeks mixed their wine with water, and it was considered barbaric to drink unmixed wine. The present example is of typical shape for the period, with twin double-looped handles in the form of stylized deer heads, brown painted decoration comprising panels of concentric circles and wavy lines between the handles, encircling lines below, blocks of rays around the narrow rim, which has been repaired.

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