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Greek

Hellenistic, ca. 3<sup>rd</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C.

*Torpedo-Shaped Amphora*

Marble

h: 21 cm; 8 ½ in.

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Provenance

Formerly in the collection of Anton Achermann, Lucerne (1914-1995);  
Christie's South Kensington, Antiquities, 7 November 2001, lot no. 569;  
Private Collection, United States, acquired from the above.

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The present amphora was originally a wine storage vessel, which were used for both storage and transport of wine across the ancient Mediterranean for millennia, the first type appearing during the late Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean. It is of slender tapering form with carinated shoulder and single loop side handle, a typical shape for Hellenistic Greek examples. As usual for these vases, the present example is made of a soft, light-coloured clay and does not feature any painted decoration.

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