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## **BELGIAN BLACK MARBLE QUADRUPLE LUGGED AND SPOUTED OPEN MORTAR**

A FINE AND LARGE BELGIAN BLACK MARBLE QUADRUPLE LUGGED AND SPOUTED OPEN MORTAR

PROBABLY FOR USE BY AN APOTHECARY

LATE 18TH – EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 24CM HIGH, 44CM DIA (MAX) – 9½ INS HIGH, 17¼ INS DIA (MAX)

## **LITERATURE**

BELGIAN BLACK MARBLE IS EXTREMELY FINE GRAINED AND CAN FRACTURE JUST LIKE GLASS, RESULTING IN VERY SHARP EDGES. BELGIAN 'MAZY BLACK' IS A MARBLE THAT HAS BEEN EXPLOITED SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY NORTHWEST OF NAMUR AND IS AN ANCIENT STONE OF THE DEVONIAN PERIOD. IT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST PURE OF THE BELGIAN BLACK MARBLES.