

Finch & C^o



ANCIENT GREEK SOUTH ITALY, ETRUSCAN BLACK POTTERY BUCCHERO WINE VESSELS

TWO ANCIENT GREEK SOUTH ITALY, ETRUSCAN BLACK POTTERY BUCCHERO WINE VESSELS LARGE VESSEL RESTORED,
THE SMALLER IN GOOD CONDITION

6TH CENTURY BC

SIZES: A: 23.5CM HIGH, 13CM DIA – 9¼ INS HIGH, 5 INS DIA

B: 41CM HIGH, 19.5CM DIA – 16 INS HIGH, 7¾ INS DIA

LITERATURE

THE ETRUSCANS WERE UNDOUBTEDLY THE WEALTHIEST AND IN MANY WAYS THE MOST SOPHISTICATED OF THE PEOPLES OF PRE-ROMAN ITALY AND THEIR ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS ARE THE MOST DISTINCTIVE AND SPECTACULAR. MANY FEATURES OF ETRUSCAN ART, CUSTOMS AND RELIGION WERE ADOPTED BY THE ROMANS SO THAT ETRUSCAN CULTURE LIVED ON AFTER THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF ETRURIA HAD BEEN ABSORBED INTO THE ROMAN REPUBLIC. THE METALLIC LUSTROUS BLACK SURFACE OF THESE CHARACTERISTIC BUCCHERO WARES WAS PRODUCED BY FIRST BURNISHING AND THEN FIRING THEM IN A KILN WITH A RESTRICTED SUPPLY OF OXYGEN SO THAT THE IRON OXIDES IN THE CLAY TURNED BLACK. THEY WERE PRODUCED IN A WIDE RANGE OF SHAPES WITH SOME FOLLOWING OLDER ITALIAN TRADITIONS AND SOME WARES IMITATING GREEK PROTOTYPES.