AMPHORAE FROM POUNDBURY CAMP. DORSET

Wester Art Court

% By count

3231

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The amphorae sherds were classified by fabric and form and then weighed and counted. The types represented are Dressel 20, Pelichet 47, North African cylindrical and a number of unassigned types, one sherd of which is probably Spanish. The origin and dates of these amphorae are summarized below.

Total weight		of	amphorae		3130gms.	
Total	number	of	amphorae	sherds	36	

% Total of each fabric

% By weight

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Dr. 20	2038gms	65.1%	×.	19	52.8%	
Pel. 47	180gms	5.8%		1	2.8%	
N/African	181 gms	5.8%		2	5.5%	
Spanish	502gms	16.0%		1	2.8%	
Unassigned	229gms	7.3%		13	36.1%	

Dressel 20

Dressel 20 amphorae come from the Guadalquivir region of Spain, between Seville and Cerdeba, where they were used principally for the transportation of olive-oil. This type of amphora has a wide date-range from the pre-Roman Period 1 levels at Camulodunum to the third/fourth centuries A.D.

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Pelichet 47

Wine-amphora, probably from southern Gaul, in particular the area around the mouth of the Rhone. In Britain, these vessels date from the latter half of the first century A.D. to the beginning of the third century, with the main concentration occuring during the second half of the second century.

North African cylindrical

This type of amphorae is known to have been made in the Byzacena region of North Africa. These amphorae probably started arriving in Britain during the third century A.D. and importation may have continued into the fifth century.

Probable Spanish fabric

Large bodysherd in a soft, thick creamy-buff fabric, containing frequent inclusions of quartz and some felspar. Probably Spanish.

Unassigned

The unassigned sherds are in a wide range of fabrics and lack typological features. They obviously represent a number of different vessels whose origins are at present unknown.

Summary of amphorae present in the different phases

Romano-British settlement features: sites E. F and G.

Dr. 20

2246, 2247, 2253, 2255, 2257.

Pelichet 47

2260.

Probable Spanish

2242.

<u>Unassigned</u>

2243, 2248, 2249, 2251, 2252, 2254,

<u>Cemetery 2B</u> (third - fourth century A.D.)

<u>Dr. 20</u>

2264.

<u>Cemetery 3</u> (fourth century A.D.)

Dr. 20

2263.

North African cylindrical 1305.

Post-Roman Settlement (fifth century A.D.)

Dr. 20

2241, 2244, 2258, 2261, 2262. These sherds must be residual. ("shaped into a disc)

North African cylindrical

2245.

<u>Unassigned</u>

2259, 2262.

The following sherds are not on the contexts list:

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2390, 2241, 2388, 2389, 2256, 2258, 2263, 2391.

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Probably not amphora

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2250.