

AMPHORAE FROM REDCLIFFE, ISLE OF WIGHT

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1. I09II4 247 level Ia
2. OI7IO4 78 first level

Two sherds of Dressel 20 amphora. This type of amphora comes from the Guadalquivir region of Spain, between Seville and Cordoba, where they were used principally for the transportation of olive-oil (Bonsor, 1931). Dressel 20 have a wide date-range from the pre-Roman Period I levels at Camulodunum (Hawkes and Hull, 1947) to the third century A.D.

3. I05IO8 296 level 2b
4. I2IIA I82 level Ib

Three sherds probably from a Dressel 2-4 form of amphora. This type of amphora was made at a variety of places during the period from the late first century B.C. to the mid second century A.D., e.g. Italy, southern France and Spain, as well as the Aegean, and was probably principally used for carrying wine.

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