

AMPHORAE FROM CATTERICK

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Pélichet 47

46/2061 (handle); 46/1607 (b/s); 44/2723 (handle); 46/50 (handle);
46/4505 (2 b/s); 46/392 (b/s); 46/2044 (b/s).

A flat-bottomed amphora form predominantly made in Southern Gaul, more particularly around the mouth of the Rhône and around the Gulf of Lyons, and probably used for carrying wine (Peacock, 1978). It was also one of the amphorae types made at the recently excavated kilns at Crouzilles, Indre et Loire (information from Alain Férdière), indicating that the form was made in Central Gaul as well. 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 of finds occurring during the second century.

? variation of Pélichet 47

46/308 (rim).

This rim-herd appears in a similar fabric to Pélichet 47 vessels, but the beaded rim also contains a wide internal groove not normally associated with the latter type.

Dressel 20

46/us (b/s).

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

Unidentified

- 46/2162. Small rounded handle in a hard, rough light buff (Munsell, 10R 8/4) fabric.
- 46/2552. Small handle or part-handle in a hard, rough buff (7.5YR 7/6) sandy fabric.
- 46/2501. Body sherd in a soft, rough buff (7.5YR 7/6) sandy fabric.
- 46/844. Body sherd in hard, fairly smooth light red (2.5YR 6/6) micaceous fabric.
- 46/2404. Five body sherds and one handle in a hard, rough pinkish-buff (5YR 8/4) sandy fabric.

? Non-amphorae

46/35 (2 sherds).

46/695.

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