

MERIDA-TYPE SHERD FROM CAERLEON

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A Merida-type sherd in a hard, fairly smooth sandy fabric with conspicuous flecks of mica, light red throughout (Munsell 10R 6/8 to 5/6). A fairly similar fabric has been noted by the writer for certain Merida-type vessels from a number of sites in Britain. However, it is likely that late mediaeval red micaceous pottery was made at other places in Spain besides Merida, and was also made in Portugal as well (Hurst, 1977; Williams, 1979). The importation of Merida-type wares into Britain spans the period from the thirteenth to the seventeenth centuries (Hurst, 1977), and it is not possible at present to be more precise in dating the featureless bodysherd from Caerleon.

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