

AMPHORAE FROM BATH

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Pélichet 47

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Eight bodysherds from Gallic amphorae, probably Pélichet 47, a flat-bottomed wine amphora predominantly made in southern France, more particularly around the mouth of the Rhône in Languedoc, where a number of kilns are known (Peacock, 1978; Widemann et al, 1979). It was also one of the amphorae types made at the recently excavated kilns at Crouzilles, Indre et Loire (information from Alain Férdiere), indicating that the form was also made in central Gaul as well. Pélichet 47 had a long date range from about the middle of the first century A.D. to at least the early fourth century A.D. (Panella, 1973). In Britain, this type is not found in pre-Boudiccan levels (Peacock, 1978).

Dressel 2-4

BSS 172

Small bodysherd, probably from a Dressel 2-4 wine amphora, in a distinctive 'black sand' fabric - caused by dark-coloured inclusions of augite. The presence of yellow (melanitic) garnet in this fabric led Courtois and Velde (1978) to

suggest an origin in the Latium region. However, yellow-brown garnet is also a feature of the sands further south, and a Campanian origin, in particular the area around Pompeii and Herculanium, has been advocated by Peacock (1977). Further analysis by Velde and Courtois (1983) using an electron microprobe has distinguished two separate compositional groups of yellow garnet, of which one source they propose is situated near to Rome and another in the region of Vesuvius. The latter proposal agrees with Peacock's (1977) suggestion, but as yet there is no archaeological evidence for an origin near Rome for the 'black sand' fabric.

Dressel 2-4 range in date from the later first century B.C. to the mid second century A.D. (Zevi, 1966), and were widely distributed in late Iron Age and Roman Britain.

Southern Spanish

RB 84 123-13.

This material probably derives from the coastal regions of southern Spain, between Cadiz and Malaga, and seems to have been mainly used to carry fish-based products from the late first century B.C. to the second century A.D. (Peacock, 1971; 1974).

Undesignated

BSS 426.

A small bodysherd in a fairly hard, sandy fabric, light red (Munsell 2.5YR 6/8) throughout.

Non-Amphorae

RB 85

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