

SA980657

Rare 16th Century English Glass Apothecary Bottle c1550

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA980657****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Dimensions

Height = 6.7 cm (2.6")

Width = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

Technical Description An exceedingly early and rare example of an English apothecary medicine bottle, made as early as the 1550s or even earlier. Free-blown from dark aqua glass, the tall conical basal push-up, sloping shoulders and flared lip testify to an early provenance. Glassmaking in the British Isles may have taken place during Roman times. It was certainly established in the weald of Kent by the 14th century, initiated by continental European glassmakers who brought with them a store of useful knowledge, ideas, and designs. Amongst this variety was the common small vial used for medicinal and other utilitarian purposes. These early vials and small bottles are extremely rare and known mainly through fragmented remains. Remarkable condition in comparison to its known counterpart examples, one of which can be found as the earliest example of an English apothecary bottle in the late David W. Barker's private collection, an esteemed and knowledgeable collector since the 1970s. **Date & Origin** England, c1550. Period of Henry VIII (R.1509-1547), Edward VI (R.1547-1553). **Condition** Great condition when considering that this type is typically excavated in fragments...

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