



**DESCRIPTION**

In many households both traditional beer and ceramics are an integral part of their spirituality. Utshwala, Zulu sorghum or millet beer, is a nutritional drink with a relatively low alcohol content. It is served during many Zulu communal events, including traditionalist weddings, coming-of-age ceremonies, funerals, and other gatherings when one’s ancestors’ spiritual guidance is sought.

At such gatherings, utshwala is offered to ancestors in ceramic beer pots. Along with meat and herbal incense, utshwala is placed on the umsamo, usually located in the back of one of the major buildings in a rural homestead or urban compound, is aesthetically associated with the shade, coolness, and darkness that the ancestors prefer. When beer is presented an older man or woman, an honoured member of the family’s lineage, ensures this ceremony is done correctly. Praise names of ancestors are used and formal greetings are given to the deceased while both beer and meat are presented at the umsamo.

**DETAILS**

- Culture: Zulu People
- Geography: KwaZulu-Natal Kingdom, South Africa
- Circa: Early 20th Century
- Weight: 10LBS
- Materials: Clay

**SIZES**

- VZL0001.....12”D x 14”H
- VZL0002.....9.5”D x 10.5”H
- VZL0003.....9”D x 14”H

**LIST PRICING**

- VZL0001.....00007
- VZL0002.....00505
- VZL0003.....00206