



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.

The uphiso is defined by its neck, a feature that is absent in almost all other Zulu ceramics. The neck of the uphiso extends from the body in a widevariety of styles, varying from a nearly 90-degree to a 45-degree angle. Traditionally made for transporting liquids, this form has fallen into disuse because plastic or metal containers are much lighter for carrying heavy liquids long distances. Instead, the uphiso form thrives within new commercial venues. The variations in form and mastery of technique required to create this type of pot make it quite desirable for galleries and collectors.



DETAILS

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

SIZES

- VZL0008.....12”D x 14”H
- VZL0011.....9.5”D x 10.5”H

LIST PRICING

- VZL0008.....00903
- VZL0011.....00502