

# IPHANGELA | ZULU BEER CONTAINER

VZL0009, VZL0027, VZL0010



## 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 Iphangela is defined by its size and larger opening. This type of pot would be placed in the centre of a room, and beer could then be drunk directly from it using a gourd ladle, or it could be used to refill smaller pots. The sheer size of an iphangela makes it challenging to build. Moreover, to fire a work of this size demands the use of increasingly scarce wood and aloe. Yet, the striking size of these vessels and their simple form make them desirable works for contemporary collectors and interior decorators.



## DETAILS

- Culture: Zulu People
- Geography: KwaZulu-Natal Kingdom, South Africa
- Circa: Early 20th Century
- Weight: 15LBS
- Materials: Clay

## SIZES

- VZL0009.....14.5"D x 12.5"H
- VZL0027.....20"D x 14"H
- VZL0010.....16"D x 10"H

## LIST PRICING

- VZL0009.....00502
- VZL0027.....00004
- VZL0010.....00006

