

# MEDITERRANEAN POTS Catalog 2008-2009

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Welcome to Mediterranean Pots. We have a variety of authentic antique 18th, 19th and 20th century pots. The following collection represents water, wine and olive oil jars from different regions throughout Spain: Andalucía, Aragón, Ebro, Castellón, Catalunya, Extremadura y Castilla La Mancha.

On the following pages you will find examples of our pots, their standard dimensions and price range. You will also see pots displayed in situ or at various shows. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

The pots were fired at extremely high temperatures in wood kilns thus making them sturdy, durable and very frost resistant. If you have a special request or size specifics, please don't hesitate to check with us and we will try to find the pot for you. Note that these are antique pots and are becoming harder to find, so if you like a particular regional design or form, we will try to find it for you.



# CÁNTAROS

Most of these early 20th Century water jugs and wooden supports "cántaros" were originally from Andalucía, Spain. They were traditionally used for transporting water on mules' backs and hung in iron and or cord supports. They were frequently seen in patios and entryways of Spanish courtyards. "Cántaros" often symbolized a sign of hospitality for travelers and guests from afar. They can be found in series of 2,3,4 and sometimes 5 jars per support.

*"Tanto va el cántaro a la fuente, que al final se rompe."* This is an old saying in reference to the daily usage of the jugs and their wear and tear. Thus, the older pots are somewhat difficult to find.

**Dimensions:** Height: 25";  
Width: 15" Length: 32", 44", 56"  
(2,3 or 4 pots).

The rack with the pots sitting in their frames adds another 10" to the height of the rack.

**Price Range:** US\$1200.- \$1600.



# Tinajas de EXTREMADURA y LA MANCHA

The original pots from late 18th century early 19th century Extremadura and La Mancha tend to be heavier in weight and grainy in texture due to the terrain and soil. Many of these beautiful ancient vessels were stapled together with artisan iron staples and are valued because of their antique markings.

**Dimensions:** Height 31"-54". Width: 22"-25".  
**Price Range:** US \$3000.-\$5000.



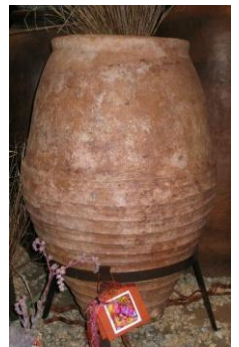
# Tinajas de ARAGÓN



The 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century olive oil, water and wine jars from Aragón, Spain, are truly spectacular. They tend to be very wide and most are waist high, although there are smaller ones as well. Most of them are reddish brown in color due to the "tierra" dirt and soil conditions of the region and many of them display beautiful hand painted markings from natural plants and iron. We recommend these ancient vessels to be used for both inside and outside décor. They look wonderful standing alone and grouped together in 3s and 5s.

**Dimensions:** Height: 12"-48", Width: 12"-36".

**Price Range:** US \$3300.- \$5000.



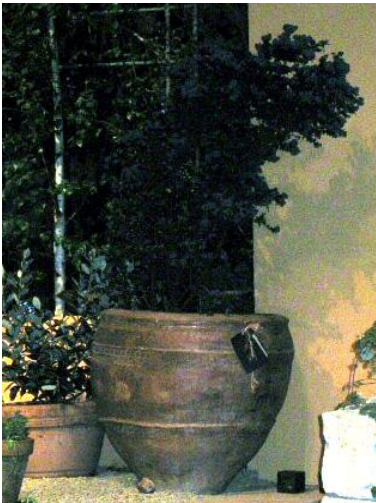
# Cocios de ARAGÓN



“Cocios” were traditionally used as wash basins in the late 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in Spain. Most of them were handed down throughout the families and regarded as a very valuable heirloom. Thus, you will find that many of them have handmade staples that were placed for functional purposes, but that also add to their antique beauty. Most of the wash basins in our collection come from the area of Calanda and Aragón and have a reddish brown complexion along with fascinating handpainted markings. They also have spouts for drainage. We recommend that the “cocio” be used for both interior and exterior design. They are stunning standing solitaire and tipped on their side with potted plants set carefully inside. The “cocio” also makes a beautiful table topped with a glass round.

**Dimensions:** Height 21”-23” Width 21”-24”.

**Price Range:** US \$4000.-4400.

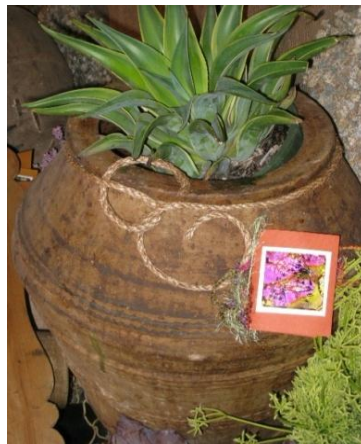


# Tinajas de CASTELLÓN

The late 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century olive oil, water and grain jars from Castellón are extremely sturdy with very flat bases and light in color due to the "arcilla" of the region. Many of them have beautiful roping designs down the sides of the pots and a few are found to have an olive green glaze drizzled down the neck of the pot. They make great containers for potting and possible fountain features. We recommend these incredible pots for exterior design, to be filled or to stand solitaire.

**Dimensions:** Height: 30"-42", Width: 18"-24".

**Price Range:** US \$3800.-\$4800.



# Tinajas de la Ribera del Ebro



The 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century olive oil, water, and wine jars from the Priorat and Ebro area are hearty and usually glazed around the top with antique green or yellow tones. They can be found with 2-3 handles, sometimes four, and make incredible containers for planting. The tonality of the sandlike, rocky soil of the Priorat and Delta del Ebro regions is lighter in color than some of the other pots available and they are extremely sturdy.

**Dimensions:** Height 24"-48". Widths 12"-36".

**Price Range:** US \$3800-5500.