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NUPE WATER VESSEL

\$1,580

c. 1900 • Nigeria • Terra Cotta • Collection #CAA104

H: 23.75" Dia: 19.0"

The Nupe people of Nigeria were known as some of the finest ceramicists in Africa. Everyday objects, like this water vessel, received detailed attention. The vessel's varied textures come from its utilitarian design. The dimples and bands were engraved to give the drinker a better grip, creating rich texture that became handworn over time. The sculptural vessels were traditionally stacked along the inside walls of a traditional home. The inside top rim of this pot shows wear from that expected use.



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