

Megalithic circles of Li Muri

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■ Askoid Jug (Nuraghic complex of La Prisgiona / Prisciona)

The nuraghic complex of La Prisgiona in the territory of Arzachena (fig. 1) has given us a jug of the so-called "askoid type" or "askoid jug", that is a container equipped with a single handle, an asymmetrical body and an inclined neck.



Fig. 1 - The Nuraghe complex with La Prisgiona village (from MORAVETTI, ALBA, FODDAI 2014, p. 14).

The askoid jug was a part of home environments, places of worship and meeting areas, certainly for ceremonial use, and presumably employed to contain a beverage containing alcohol obtained by fermentation. The container has an oblique mouth, an eccentrically positioned neck, an ovoid body and a slightly rounded bottom (figs. 2, 3).



Fig. 2 - Askoid jug (from Fois 2014, p. 238).



Fig. 3 - Side view of the find (from ANTONA 2013, p. 60).



The handle is decorated with notches arranged in a "herringbone" pattern which alternates with imprinted dots. Below the lower joint of the handle, there are seven further big etched dots (fig. 4).



Fig. 4 - Detail of the handle (from ANTONA 2013, p. 60).

The vase was smoothed by hand. The artefact, dated to the ninth and eighth centuries B.C., is exhibited at the National Archaeological Museum G.A. Sanna of Sassari.

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