



## Hispano-Moresque lustre bowl, 17th century POA

Hispano-Moresque lustre bowl, 17th century, the centre decorated with a bull surrounded by curling vines and stylised foliage, the rim with a band of further abstract leaves and vines, the reverse with a design of elliptical scrolls.

Dimensions:

Diameter: 32.4 cm. (12 3/4in.)

Condition: Broken and neatly repaired with rivets, some rubbing to the lustre around the rim.

Notes:

Designs incorporating animals and plants were popular choices for the Moorish potters in Spain who made Hispano-Moresque ware. Although early designs are more overtly Islamic, and can include inscriptions in Arabic and symbols such as the tree of life, the huge popularity of these wares and their increased production for wider consumption across Europe led to a fusion of Islamic and European design elements. The beautiful lustre effect is achieved by applying a tin glaze over a design traced in cobalt blue before the first firing, then brushing on a metallic pigment on top of the tin glaze before a second firing. This technique was perfected by Islamic potters; in part because the use of vessels made from precious metals at mealtimes was prohibited by the Hadiths (the record of the saying of the Prophet Muhammad).

<b>Material and Technique</b>	Pottery with lustre decoration
<b>Origin</b>	European Other
<b>Condition</b>	Consistent with age
<b>Diameter</b>	32.4 cm. (12 3/4in.)

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