



**Dimensions**

8 1/2 × 6 in. (21.6 × 15.2 cm)

**Wine Vessel (Hu)**

**Date**

475-221 BCE

**Medium**

Bronze and silver

**Description**

This object is a bronze wine vessel (called Hu) made during the Warring States period (475-221 BCE). Four horizontal dividers create five distinct and intricate geometric patterns of silver inlay on this vessel. By the Warring States period, advancements in bronze making techniques allowed individuals to own such pieces as status symbols rather than for purely ceremonial purposes.