

Basic Detail Report



Wine Cup (Linnak)

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Paiwan

Medium

Wood and pigment

Description

This ceremonial wine cup or linnak (literally twin cup) was used by the indigenous Paiwan people of southern Taiwan. The double cup was brought out on a number of occasions, always to cement the relationship between the two sharing a drink from a linnak's bowls. Perhaps the most common of these usages was sharing rice wine between newly wedded couples. Goods decorated with carvings were generally reserved for the wealthiest families. The snake, seen here decorating both handles of the cup, was an important motif in Paiwan art as it was believed that the Paiwan were descended from the viper.

Dimensions

27 1/2 × 4 5/16 in. (69.9 × 11 cm)