

Cistercian (404)

1475-1700

Very thin, hard fabric, made in the first coal-fired kilns (NOT by Cistercian monks but first found in their monasteries!). Brick red or purple fabric covered, both inside and out, with a dark brown or purplish-black glaze. Few inclusions, except the occasional quartz grain. Thin walled. Main pot was a small drinking cup with up to six handles known as a tyg.



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The following sources have been used:

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Jigsaw Cambridgeshire Best Practice Users' Guide – Medieval Pottery Identification by Carole Fletcher

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