

# Roman Shelly Ware (aka Calcite Gritted Ware)

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## C1-4

Very difficult to date within the period. C1 pottery is transitional (IA-Roman) ie IA material in Roman tradition. Wide mouthed storage jars. Frequent shell inclusions. Yellowy finish has been fired in oxidised atmosphere, blackish finish in a reduced atmosphere. Lid seated jars has rim for lid which was usually made of wood. Huge variety of fabrics and finishes. Later pots tend to be casseroles, earlier tend to be plates and dishes. Often outer surface of pots covered in regular fine horizontal lines called rilling (grooves applied to the clay while on the potter's wheel).



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