

Basic Detail Report



goblet

Date

about 1650

Medium

Glass

Description

Goblet. Colorless, with grayish tinge; translucent blue and red. Blown, mold-blown; applied, tooled. Conical bowl with fire-polished rim and rounded base; thin thread of colorless glass twice encircles the bowl at half height. Second gather applied to lower third of bowl and molded with spiky gadrooning. This is joined by capstan to mold-blown knob (16 vertical ribs), which is itself joined by glue-bit to top of complexly wrought stem. Stem is composed of long, finely ribbed and twisted cane enclosing one

yellow and two opaque red threads. Cable gradually thins from upper end (D. about 1.5 cm) to tip (Th. < 2 mm). Upper end is semicircular, with bent top part simulating head of dragon and straight lower section wrapped into coils on rest of cable, encircling it in twisted loops. Upper end of cable is broken off (as is, presumably, lower end, which has been completely rounded by fire polishing), with applied snout drawn out into two long jaws, with applied aqua colored prunts for eyes, crest on top, and two wings of same color farther down. Crest and wings were trimmed with straight shears to simulate feathers. Stem is joined by thick glue-bit to second mold-blown (16 ribs) flattened ball knob and capstan. Shallow, blown foot with infolded edge and pontil mark. Traces of gilding on upper knob. Between wings, stem is mounted with silver collar that was probably applied to strengthen glass stem and to conceal former break. Surface was matted with round headed punch, and palmette on front is engraved. Mount is adorned with belt of turquoise blue beads and small loop on back.

Dimensions

Overall H: 32.7 cm; Bowl Diam: 10 cm; Foot Diam: 11.7 cm

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