

**SILVIO CALCI, DIT SILVIO CALICE (ATTRIBUE A)**  
**“NAVETTE” SHAPED COVERED VASE IN BLACK GRANITE OF EGYPT**



Rome

Middle of the 17th century, circa 1640-1660

Dimensions :

H. 25 cm - L. 58 cm - P. 38 cm

*H. 9 13/16 in - L. 22 13/16 in - P. 14 14/16 in*

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The vase curves inwards towards the ends, lending the piece a certain baroque feel. A wide, over-hanging lip encircles the piece and it stands on a circular pedestal of rounded mouldings carved from the same piece of stone. In fine accordance with the sweeping elegance of the main body of the composition the cover of the vase is of a particularly flattened form; again carved from one piece of marble the cover is shaped as a series of rings that culminates in a central button shape. With its perfect shine and its flawless proportions it was created in a lapidary workshop in Rome in the middle of the 17th Century. It was hewn, sculpted and polished from a spectacular block of black granite probably resulting from a small circular column, on which the artist would to work all the length. This must be considered to be one of the finest examples of this navette style vase known today, combining as it does a glorious form with rare stone.

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