

Basic Detail Report



Title Case Bottles

Date 1780-1820

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Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-blown and engraved colorless non-lead glass

Description Pair of mold-blown and engraved colorless non-lead glass case

bottles, each with a flared rim, a short cylindrical neck, a sloping shoulder, a

rectangular body, and a shallow kick with a pontil mark on the bottom. There is

a ridge of glass surrounding the neck, formed by a second gather of glass added

to the body of each case bottle using a technique known as the half-post

method. The shoulders and sides of each case bottle are decorated with

engraving. A rectangular border of leaves on either side of a vine follows the

shape of the shoulders; there is a small medallion hanging down at each corner

and a small leafy-stem pointing toward the neck at each corner. An engraved

circle interrupts the border in the center of each side of the shoulder. The two

wider sides of each case bottle are decorated with a leafy stem supporting a

stylized tulip. The two narrower sides of each case bottle are decorated with a

leafy stem supporting three smaller flowers on the right side. There are some

small bubbles and seeds, or areas of unvitriified matter, in the glass. Each case

bottle has a small area of light scratches and wear in the surface of the glass at

the corners on the bottom. Kick: An indentation in the bottom of a drinking

glass, bottle, or other glass object. Pontil mark: A rough place on a blown glass

object where the solid metal rod, or pontil, is cracked off the object after final

shaping and decoration. Pontil marks can be polished to achieve a smooth

surface.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth of each bottle): 10 x 4 3

/4 x 3 1/4in. (25.4 x 12.1 x 8.3cm)