Basic Detail Report



Title Case Bottle

Date 1780-1820

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Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-blown and engraved colorless non-lead glass

Description Mold-blown and engraved colorless non-lead glass case bottle with a flared rim, a cylindrical neck, sloping shoulders, a rectangular body, and a shallow kick with a pontil mark on the bottom. There is an extra ridge of glass and a double curve to the shoulder, formed by a second gather of glass added to the body of the case bottle using a technique known as the half-post method. The shoulders and sides of the case bottle are decorated with engraving. A rectangular border with small ovals on the inner edge follows the shape of the shoulders, with small medallions hanging down at each corner. The two wider sides of the case bottle are decorated with a leafy stem supporting a stylized tulip; the head of the tulip is curved to the left on each engraving. The two narrower sides of the 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 unvitrified matter, in the glass. There are wide areas of light scratches and wear to the glass on the bottom of the case bottle, especially at the corners. 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.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 7 7/8 x 3 3/4 x 2 3/8in. (20 x 9.5cm, 2 3/8in.)