

ALABASTER BURIAL URN

The effigy of the deceased is represented on the cover. He is reclining on a couch holding a patera (a dish for pouring libations in sacrificial rites). An inscription is cut in the rim of the cover. The front of the chest is carved with a fine and vigorous high relief. A horseman equipped with a suit of armor attacks a Gaul with a lance. The Gaul, kneeling on the ground and holding a shield in his left hand, has plunged his sword into the horse's belly. Another Gaul, standing on the right side, brandishes a sword. On the left side there is a winged female demon with short sword, watching the combat.

CHIUSI, ETRURIA, ITALY

Third to Second Century B.C.

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