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Turquoise Blown-Glass Baluster-Necked Bottle

18th - 19th century

Iran (Shiraz)

Qajar

Colored glass

Overall: 7 3/4 x 3 3/8 in. (19.7 x 8.5cm)

With an elegant silhouette and understated ornamentation, this long-necked bottle is characteristic of glassware produced in nineteenth-century Iran. This bottle, or surahi, may have been used to hold water or wine. The consumption of wine has a long history in Persian cultural tradition, a frequent topic of art, literature, and poetry. Although imbibing alcohol was frequently prohibited in Islamic Iran, it was tolerated to a certain extent during different periods of history. Wine was consumed during the Qajar period in Iran, especially in the city of Shiraz, which was famous for its viticulture.