



'Riccio' Vase by Gae Aulenti for Venini, Italy 2003

Height: 26 x Diameter: 30 cm - Height: 10 1/4 x Diameter: 11 3/4 inches

Some objects rely on contrast rather than complexity. The 'Riccio' vase by Gae Aulenti for Venini, designed in 2003, exemplifies this approach—merging sculptural form with refined technique.

### Design

The vase presents a spherical body crafted from transparent tea-toned blown glass. Its surface is adorned with dark tea-colored glass spikes, meticulously applied by hand while the glass remains hot. These protrusions create a tactile texture that plays with light and shadow, offering a dynamic visual experience. The harmonious blend of smooth curves and pointed elements showcases Aulenti's architectural sensibility and Venini's glassmaking expertise. Measuring approximately 32 cm in diameter, the 'Riccio' vase was produced in a limited edition, each signed and numbered on the base, underscoring its exclusivity and craftsmanship.

This vase is signed 'venini 2003 gae aulenti 22/50'

This piece stands as a testament to the collaborative synergy between designer and artisan. It embodies a balance of form and function, where every detail contributes to its overall presence.

### **Condition**

The vase is in very good condition, exhibiting only minor signs of wear consistent with age. The glass remains intact, with no chips or cracks, and all applied elements are securely affixed.