Bellarmine Jugs





Where do you keep drinks in your house? In the 1600s many people kept beer or wine in one of these pottery jugs

They were made in Germany and sold all over Europe. The bearded face on the front gave them their name, 'Bartman' or 'bearded man' jugs.

They were also called 'Bellarmine Jugs because their grumpy face looked like a strict and serious catholic priest called Cardinal Bellarmine who wanted to ban drinking alcohol!

When these jugs were empty they could be used to protect homes from witches!





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