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An amphora of Spanish provenance and spheroidal vessels in the Black Sea. Novy Svet shipwreck new discoveries

The expedition of National University of Kiev has been carrying underwater archaeological excavations of the 13th century shipwreck in the bay at Novy Svet near Sudak. The medieval ship carried a large store of amphorae of various types filled with wine and oil and a great number of glazed pottery. The rest of the cargo consisted of a small number of other types of amphorae, pots and other pottery that can be attributed with personal belongings. Among rare ceramic finds retrieved from the ship a Spanish amphora from the Paterna's kilns (region Valencia) has been excavated.

The fact that Spain was a large supplier of mercury to the Mediterranean region, finding the several types of spheroidal vessels in the shipwreck area will be of great interest for researchers of trade contacts of Medieval Europe, as these small ceramic containers had used to be used for mercury transportation in the Middle Ages. On the shipwreck was three complete forms of such vessels were found. The poster describes an amphora of Spanish provenance (Paterna kilns production) and its possible relation to mercury market and containers for transportation this product.