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Slender Bud Vase - set of 3

A slender vase, small and simple enough to showcase the most delicate blooms, from Cochabamba in the Bolivian highlands. Mouth-blown using 100 per cent recycled glass, this technique creates bubbling and variation. Crisil Srl. produces glass items using a team-based production system. Masters are skilled in all the different aspects of production. The assistants are encouraged to learn the craft, so they can attain master status too.



These were \$12 each, now \$10 for a set of three.

About the Artisans

Crisil Srl - Bolivia

Crisil Srl. is a family-owned business based in Cochabamba. Most of the artisans live in an adjacent neighborhood, which has only been in existence for the past 20-25 years. Most of the neighborhood's residents struggle to find employment, and thus Crisil Srl. provides a valuable source of livelihood. The business uses recycled glass collected from local garbage dumps by small businesses that collect and sort the bottles. The supply chain thus provides work for many of the poorest people in the region. Glass is cleaned at Crisil and then melted in furnaces. Products are produced, checked, packed and largely sold in Bolivia from this facility. A linked workshop manages engraving and export packing. Artisans work in teams, 12 in total; on the work floor, each group has its own internal organization headed by a master glassblower or coordinator.

Materials:
recycled glass

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