George IV sterling silver wine funnel

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Height: 132 mm (5.2")

Diameter: 80 mm (3.15")

Weight: 119 g

Description

Antique George IV silver wine funnel featuring a pierced filter decorated with engraved bands and an applied gadroon pattern border. The very important spout is in perfect condition.

First appearing at the end of the 17th century, silver wine funnels were designed to decant wine from the bottle to a decanter for the table. The funnel bowl was pierced with holes for catching larger pieces of detritus such as cork, while a retaining ring kept a piece of muslin straining cloth in place which filtered out finer sediment and prevented spoiling the wine in the decanter.

In the 18th century the spigot was crafted with a curved tip to ensure the wine ran gently down the wall of the decanter and, particularly for very fine or old wines, prevent bruising the wine.