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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Grape & vine embossed silver wine funnel

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Sold



REF: 7034

Height: 130 mm (5.12")

Weight: 132 g

Description

This is a wonderful example of a silver wine funnel from the William IV era. The body is heavily embossed with grapes, vines and grape leaves beneath which are sections of foliate tapering down the spout. The removable filter has a shell pattern mount and a slant gadroon pattern border.

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 bowl was pierced 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.