

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Pair of George II style silver wine coasters

Roberts & Belk

£850



REF: 8579

Height: 45 mm (1.77")

Diameter: 160 mm (6.3")

Description

Pair of substantial quality 20th century silver wine bottle coasters featuring round, flared bodies and heavy gadroon pattern borders, in a George II style that was popular in the mid 1700s. The turned wooden bases are carved with the classic concentric rings.

Silver wine coasters, or wine sliders as they were initially called, originated in mid-18th-century England, as upper-class wine drinkers sought a way to slide their wine bottles or decanters across the table.

By the late 1800s, the term bottle or wine coaster came into parlance to describe a low, round tray, often with wheels, used to hold a wine bottle to wheel or coast the bottle to the diners around the table at dinner parties. The name derived from a coaster ship that traded from port to port along the coast.