

# LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

## George IV silver wine funnel

Charles Fox II

Sold



REF: 7452

Height: 160 mm (6.3")

Weight: 190 g

## Description

A fine quality, late-George-IV antique silver wine funnel filter, the body of which is hand chased with fluting. The removable strainer is edged with an applied slant gadroon pattern border and is fitted with a pierced filter in the shape of a flowerhead and beneath which is a removable ring to hold the muslin cloth to catch the sediment. The well is especially deep, so the wine will not back up when being filtered.

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.