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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George IV silver wine funnel

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REF: 7588

Height: 165 mm (6.5")

Diameter: 90 mm (3.54")

Weight: 177 g

Description

A fine antique silver wine funnel with fluted tulip shaped body. The removable strainer section has a pretty border of grape vines, flowers and scrolls with a cast shell hook. The spout has a wonderful curvature with original beak-shaped opening that allows the wine to pour gently down the inside of a wine jug or decanter.

This silver funnel is unusual in that it retains its original hallmarked ring to hold the muslin in place, and it is engraved on one fluted section with a monogram "RER" in scrolling script.

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