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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Silver-plated wine funnel

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REF: 7099

Height: 145 mm (5.71")

Diameter: 100 mm (3.94")

Description

Mid-Victorian, antique, silver-plated wine funnel filter with a scroll, leaf and shell border. This wine funnel is very well made and very reasonably priced when compared to a silver funnel of the same period and design.

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 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.