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Heavy-gauge silver tumbler cup

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Height: 57 mm (2.24")

Diameter: 75 mm (2.95")

Weight: 166 g

Description

Heavy-gauge silver tumbler cup in the 17th century style of a tumbler cup. It has a satisfyingly heavy feel and slightly flattened bottom for stability with an enlarged, scattered hallmark. The simplicity of the body makes it a perfect candidate for engraving.

The etymology of the name tumbler - describing a short, wide glass without a handle or stem - dates to the mid-17th century and has its roots in feasting customs from the Middle Ages. Originally, the term referred to a metal cup with a round bottom that would roll or tumble on the table, compelling the drinker to finish his measure! Some tumblers were weighted at the bottom - gimballed - so that they could be put down and would automatically right themselves if knocked over.

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