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Early Victorian silver wine funnel

Charles Fox II

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REF: 5799

Height: 160 mm (6.3")

Diameter: 70 mm (2.76")

Weight: 172 g

Description

This unusual and wonderful antique silver wine funnel has a campana-shaped body featuring exuberant, hand-chased leaf and scroll designs and cast flower heads. The silver wine funnel has an unusual cast leaf and twig hook and the hallmarked removable spout has a textured leaf pattern and ends in an elegantly curved spigot.

First appearing at the end of the 17th century, silver wine funnels or wine strainers were used to decant wine from the bottle to a decanter for the table. Examples from that early period are very rare and most antique wine funnels date from between 1770 and 1830.

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.