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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III silver wine funnel
Crispin Fuller

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Height: 130 mm (5.12")

Diameter: 90 mm (3.54")

Weight: 85 g

Description

Simple antique George III period silver wine funnel featuring a pierced flower-head pattern filter and thread pattern mount and applied border. The spout or spigot is in perfect shape to ensure smooth, gentle pouring of the wine.

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.