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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III silver wine funnel

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£1,680



REF: 9042

Height: 155 mm (6.1")

Diameter: 91 mm (3.58")

Weight: 230 g

Description

Excellent example of a heavy-gauge antique silver George-III-era wine funnel. The rim of the strainer is decorated with an applied leaf, shell and gadroon mount, while the funnel is hand chased with elegant vertical and lobed fluting. Both funnel and filter are in perfect condition.

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.