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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III silver wine funnel & drip stand

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£1,275



REF: 8944

Height: 125 mm (4.92")

Diameter: 85 mm (3.35")

Weight: 113 g

Description

Antique sterling silver wine funnel and filter, made during the reign of George IV and accompanied by a matching Old Sheffield Plate drip stand. Each is nicely decorated with an applied overlapping leaf pattern border and the filter is crisply hand pierced in a flower head design. The spout is perfect & pours beautifully.

The motto AUSPICE NUMINE translates as under divine direction and the family crest that appears to apply to the Welsh family.

Weight does not include the silver-plated drip tray.

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.