George III sterling silver wine funnel & Old Sheffield Plate drip stand

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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 flowerhead design. The spout is perfect & pours beautifully to ensure the wine is not bruised as it is decanted.

The motto AUSPICE NUMINE translates as under divine direction plus 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.