Large Victorian sterling silver wine funnel

Richard Pearce & George Burrows

£1,375



REF: 8799

Langfords
London Silver Vaults • Vaults 8 & 10 • 53-64 Chancery Lane • London • WC2A 1QS
+44 20 7242 6646 • silver@langfords.com • www.langfords.com

Height: 150 mm (5.91")

Diameter: 95 mm (3.74")

Weight: 136 g

Description

Very good example of a silver wine funnel and filter. Made during at the start of the Victorian era, this silver funnel exhibits the fashionable design of the period to include a floral and leaf pattern border, and a body hand-chased in high relief with spreading foliate sections.

The filter is fitted with its original removable ring to hold the muslin filter in place. The deep bowl of the filter allows for rapid pouring without the chance of the wine or port backing up and spilling.

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.