

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Modern Scottish silver quaich

Hamilton & Inches

£445



REF: 7432

Height: 50 mm (1.97")

Width: 170 mm (6.69")

Diameter: 120 mm (4.72")

Weight: 187 g

Description

Classic silver quaich featuring two simple lugs and decorated around the rim of the bowl with an applied Celtic pattern incorporating entwined dragons, interspersed with raised medallions with rope borders.

Originating in the Scottish Highlands centuries ago, a quaich - or cuach in the Gaelic - is a traditional Scottish shallow drinking cup with two or three handles known as lugs, a 19th century Scottish word for ears. It is also known as the Scottish loving cup or cup of friendship, with whisky being a quaich's most welcome partner.

Over time the quaich became the favourite drinking cup throughout Scotland, originally made from wood or horn. In the seventeenth century, silver, brass or pewter quaichs started to appear - making the cups fancy enough to be used among the fashionable upper classes of Edinburgh and Glasgow.