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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III silver wine funnel
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REF: 6454

Height: 150 mm (5.91")

Diameter: 76 mm (2.99")

Weight: 162 g

Description

George III silver wine funnel in the classic tulip shape with an elegant fluted body. This antique silver wine funnel has a curved spout and beak, and has its original hallmarked muslin ring.

First appearing at the end of the 17th century, silver wine funnels or wine strainers were used to decant wine from the bottle to a decanter for the table. Examples from that early period are very rare and most antique wine funnels date from between 1770 and 1830.

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.