

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Pair Victorian silver wine goblets

Richards & Brown

Sold



REF: 6363

Height: 178 mm (7.01")

Diameter: 75 mm (2.95")

Weight: 405 g

Description

Delightful pair of antique silver wine goblets with hand-chased bowls and bases decorated with scroll panels decorated with garlands and swags of flowers and foliage. There is a plain central panel on each, suitable for engraving and the interiors are gilded.

With its flat base, thin stem and conical bowl, the basic goblet shape has remained almost entirely unchanged in its form for centuries. When made in silver, goblets are usually called a wine cup.

In the mid-fifteenth century the gentry owned goblets crafted in silver. Superstitious drinkers in the seventeenth century believed that precious metals promoted better health, and so the demand for silver goblets increased. The arrival of silver plate in the mid 1800s meant that more people could afford to introduce a bit of luxury into their lifestyle.