LANGFORDS Antique & Contemporary Silver

George IV silver mustard pot

James Wintle

Sold



REF: 1860

Height: 65 mm (2.56") Width: 108 mm (4.25")

Diameter: 83 mm (3.27")

Weight: 139 g

Description

Classic George IV silver drum style mustard pot whose lid is decorated with an applied gadroon pattern border, fine thread pattern engraving and a pretty thumbpiece modelled as a scallop shell. The silver mustard pot is fitted with a cobalt blue glass liner.

Mustard has been a popular condiment since medieval times and grand houses would appoint their very own mustarder, whose solely responsibility was to make sure the household mustard was always topped up. In those days mustard was used in dry powder form.

With growing popularity in the 18th century, mustard was produced in wet form and the desire for a specific container to serve it at the table. This spawned a variety of styles and designs, some of them in novelty forms.