

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Pair of antique Scottish silver & enamel dice pepper pots

Hamilton & Inches

£1,850



REF: 8195

Height: 25 mm (0.98")

Width: 25 mm (0.98")

Depth: 25 mm (0.98")

Weight: 70 g

Description

Pair of handmade sterling silver novelty salt and pepper shakers in the form of dice, with the spots applied in red and black enamel. The holes for dispensing the pepper are on the face featuring six spots.

Known as the king of spices, pepper is one of the oldest and most popular spices in the world as well as the most widely traded. Pepper was so valuable that in ancient Greece and Rome it was used as currency, and during the Middle Ages peppercorns were accepted in lieu of money for dowries, rent and taxes.

In past centuries, noble and wealthy families able to afford pepper would present it in silver pepper pots or pepperettes, in a host of novelty designs, to beautify their table and impress their guests.