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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Impressive William IV silver goblet

Barnard Brothers

Sold



REF: 6895

Height: 210 mm (8.27")

Diameter: 130 mm (5.12")

Weight: 482 g

Description

A large and beautifully made antique silver goblet with highly defined hand-chased floral and foliage decorations around the body and base. With a gilded interior, the goblet bowl also incorporates chased and swirled fluting and applied cast flower heads and foliage while the base has raised cast and applied scrolls.

In the mid-fifteenth century landed gentry owned goblets and other drinking vessels crafted in silver. Since then, the goblet has remained almost entirely unchanged in its form and, because their design was eminently practical, wine glasses were similarly modelled with flat bases, thin stems and conical bowls.

Superstitious drinkers in the seventeenth century believed that precious metals promoted better health and so the demand for silver goblets increased, but at that time their cost meant that they remained exclusively for the richest.