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**Magnificent Antique Georgian
Solid Silver Grape
Scissors/Shears with Figural
Bacchanalia Masks - London
c.1830**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1029179

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Description

We are delighted to offer this spectacular Georgian solid silver grape scissors/shears made in London with the marks of William Theobalds. Whilst ordinary silver grape shears of this period would normally be quite plain (and beautiful in their own right), this pair is quite the contrary and features the finest and most fitting decorations of vine leaves and bacchic figural masks. The figures are likely Bacchus/Dionysus and Bacchante/Maenad (Roman/Greek counterpart names) - the mythological god of wine-making and his female followers. The handles of this pair have been profusely embellished with an exceptional level of detailing and craftsmanship. Despite the article being relatively modest in comparison to objects such as a large centrepiece, no costs have been cut and presents the level of craftsmanship that one would expect on only the finest pieces. It is perhaps this juxtaposition of the level of intricacy for such a simple object that makes for a particularly delightful and collectable piece of silverware. The manner in which both sides are covered in vine leaves and grapes, yet one small section seamlessly blends in two sculpture-like figural faces that acce...

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