

SA1041162

Pair of Richardsons of Stourbridge white opaline, mouth-blown, snake-handled glass ewers

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1041162****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 32 cm (12.6")

Width = 8.2 cm (3.2")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

This is a scarce pair of Richardsons of Stourbridge white opaline, mouth-blown, snake-handled glass ewers dating from the middle of the 19th century, c1850. The ewers are in excellent condition for their age. This means of course that they show age related wear and tear to the rims of the bases consistent with some 170 years of use. The ewers have baluster-shaped bodies measuring 11 cm (4.4 inches) in diameter at their widest points. The ewers have been blown in white opaline glass decorated on the inside of the pouring spout with gilded flora. The pouring rims and tops of the feet are also gilded. The ewers end in bases that measures 8.2 cm (3.3 inches) in diameter and bear polished out pontil marks. The ewers are 32 cm (13 inches) in height. The applied handles were first applied to the necks and then followed a serpentine route around the necks and shoulders, finishing off half way down the bodies. The handles are gilded with scales to replicate snake skin and the tops of the handles have been gilded with snake heads, complete with forked tongues. There are no chips, cracks, significant scratches or any other obvious evidence of restoration. There is a ...

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