

SA1075190

Antique Elizabeth I Sterling Silver Seal-Top Spoon (1585)

Price

GBP 5,950

| USD \$8,052 | EUR 6,962

Item Reference: SA1075190

Date of manufacture: 16th Century

Dimensions

Height = 1.8 cm (0.7")

Width = 4.7 cm (1.9")

Depth = 15.9 cm (6.3")

Description

An exceptional, fine and impressive antique Elizabeth I English sterling silver seal-top spoon; an addition to our 16th century silver flatware collection. This exceptional antique Elizabethan sterling seal top spoon* has a pear-shaped bowl to a faceted stem. The rounded bowl of this impressive antique silver spoon is plain and unembellished, apart from the feature assay mark. The faceted stem terminates with a knopped circular seal matrix/die bearing the initials 'SPSW'. The knopped terminal and bowl of the spoon retain the original gilding. Such 16th century examples in this condition are becoming increasingly difficult to locate. * Seal top spoons became popular in England in the later 16th and 17th centuries. NOTE: After surviving the Great Fire of London, the records at the London Assay office were destroyed by fire in 1681; their catalogues and documentation began again in 1697. Due to this unfortunate event, we are unable to associate a maker to this spoon. Condition This antique silver seal top spoon is an excellent gauge of silver, excellent quality and in excellent condition. The original gilding has worn in keeping with age. The British hallmarks to the...

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