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Antique Royal Worcester
Vitreous gravy boat, with
underplate, c. 1899.

Price

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Item Reference: SA1093624

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

Antique Vitreous lidded gravy boat of oval form with elephant head handles and claw feet, accompanied by an underplate, made by Royal Worcester in the 19th century. This piece is decorated with incredibly intricate and beautiful gold ornamentation, with navy blue borders that further emphasize its elegance. The Worcester stamp, featuring a crown, is imprinted on the bottom. "Crown Ware" refers to a range of goods introduced at Royal Worcester around 1870. These were made from a type of heavy earthenware that was extremely durable. The most popular tableware shape was called "Athens." Originally, this range was known as Vitreous Ware, with factory marks displaying the Royal Worcester Vitreous ribbon. Production ceased in 1930, replaced by a hard porcelain oven body that had the advantage of being translucent. Vitreous china refers to an enamel coating applied to ceramics, particularly porcelain, after firing. It also refers to the finished product as a whole. This coating makes porcelain tougher. This specific gravy boat was commissioned by William Whiteley, as evidenced by the stamp on the bottom. Whiteley was an English businessman from the late 19th and early 20th centu...

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