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Antique George III Silver Plate Wine / Champagne Cooler Early 19th C

Price

GBP 675

| USD \$913 | EUR 790

Item Reference: SA1123621**Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 23 cm (9.1")

Width = 21 cm (8.3")

Depth = 18.5 cm (7.3")

Description

A truly superb antique English George III Old Sheffield plate wine / champagne cooler, Circa 1810 in date. This highly versatile cooler features the "silver on copper" Sheffield England mark, with fabulous embossed repoussé foliage decoration, lion's head handles and raised on a circular fluted base. The quality and craftsmanship throughout the piece is truly second to none. Condition: In excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 23 cm x Width 21 cm x Depth 18.5 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 9 inches x Width 8 inches x Depth 7 inches Old Sheffield Plate - or 'fused plate' as it is sometimes known, was the first commercially viable method of plating metal. The material was accidentally invented by Thomas Boulsover, of Sheffield's Cutlers Company, in 1743. While trying to repair the handle of a customer's decorative knife, he heated it too much and the silver started to melt. When he examined the damaged handle, he noticed that the silver and copper had fused together very strongly. Experiments showed that the two metals behaved as one when he tried to reshape them, even though he could clearly see two different layers. Bou...

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