

SA1129228

Antique Victorian English Silver Plated 3 Bottle Tantalus by Hobbs & Co C1870

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1129228****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

An attractive Victorian English silver plate mounted oak three bottle tantalus set by Hobbs & Co circa 1870 in date. It features a unique 'Hold Fast' patented locking mechanism that slides across to release the decanters, complete with the original key, with three hand cut crystal decanters with stoppers. Inscribed on the locking mechanism Hobbs & Co. Add this elegant touch to your home with this lovely piece. Condition: In excellent condition, with only minor chips to the decanters, please see photos for confirmation of condition. Dimensions in cm: Height 34 cm x Width 41 cm x Depth 16 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 1 foot, 1 inch x Width 1 foot, 4 inches x Depth 6 inches Tantalus is a type of liquor decanter in which the bottle stoppers are locked down tightly by a metal bar. This was to prevent the theft of the contents by servants. Like the name suggests, the decanters themselves are visible, drawing temptation while unattainable. A key is required for entry. The most common types of tantalus holds three bottles or decanters while there are also smaller types housing only two. There are many different forms of tantalus. Often the encasement has metal handles...

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