

SA1162376

18th Century Jacobite Air Twist Wine Glass with Grape and Vine Engraving

Price

GBP 395

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Item Reference: SA1162376

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Description

This Jacobite Air Twist Wine Glass with grape and vine engraving is from the 18th century, most commonly dating to around c1750. These glasses were particularly popular during the mid-Georgian period in England, after the failed Jacobite rebellions, and were used to secretly toast the exiled Stuart monarchs. Symbol of Abundance and Celebration: Grapes and vines represent wine, abundance, fertility, and celebration, relevant for a drinking glass. They could allude to the prosperity expected under a restored Stuart monarchy. Classical and Christian Symbolism: Grapes and vines have symbolism from ancient Greek and Roman mythology (Dionysus/Bacchus) and Christianity (representing the blood of Christ and spiritual life). These associations would have been understood by the educated elite who owned such glasses. Adding to the "Secret Language": As supporting the Jacobite cause was treasonous, many symbols on these glasses were intended to be understood only by fellow sympathizers. Grapes and vines alongside other overt Jacobite symbols would subtly reinforce the message of hope and future prosperity for the Stuart cause. Aesthetic Appeal: The engraving of grapes and vines also ...

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