

SA1208815

18th Century Multi Spiral Opaque Twist Wine Glass c1755

Price

GBP 320

| USD \$433 | EUR 374

Item Reference: SA1208815**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

Technical Description A very fine example of an early multi-spiral opaque twist wine glass from the late George II period, circa 1755. It features an ogee bowl with rib moulding to the lower section. It stands on a multi-spiral opaque twist stem (MSOP) with a central angular swelling knop, above a conical foot. An exceptional example of this form, with the knop finely shaped and the twist passing cleanly through it while maintaining consistent spacing throughout. **Historical Context** The multi-spiral twist stem within the opaque twist form is regarded as one of the earliest opaque twist types, drawing on techniques already well developed in their predecessors, the air twist stems. Very early examples of this form can occasionally be found with folded feet, suggesting a date of around 1750 or slightly earlier. Air twists gave way to opaque twists in the mid-18th century as taste shifted towards bolder, more decorative designs. Opaque twists, with their white canes, created a stronger visual effect and were more fashionable. At the same time, advances in glassmaking allowed for more complex and intricate stem constructions, making opaque twists a showcase of both craftsmen...

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