

SA1231491

Antique Edwardian Gilt Metal Mirrored Grape Vine Drinks Serving Tray

Price

GBP 795

| USD \$1,084 | EUR 928

Item Reference: SA1231491

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 9.5 cm (3.7")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 29.5 cm (11.6")

Description

A highly decorative antique Edwardian gilt metal and mirrored drinks serving tray dating to circa 1900. This unusual tray features an oval mirrored plate surrounded by elaborate openwork gilt metal decoration depicting trailing vines, finely detailed vine leaves, bunches of grapes and scrolling tendrils. The naturalistic flowing design has a subtle Art Nouveau influence, typical of decorative pieces produced around the turn of the 20th century. The grape and vine decoration has long been associated with wine, abundance and hospitality and is particularly appropriate for a tray of this type. It would originally have been used for serving or displaying decanters, wine glasses and liqueurs, most likely positioned on a sideboard, buffet or drinks table. The mirrored surface would have reflected glassware and candlelight, adding considerably to the presentation. At 63 cm wide, this is a substantial and particularly decorative example, equally suited today for use as a drinks tray or as a striking decorative centrepiece on a console, sideboard or cocktail table. Condition Report: In good antique condition with age-related wear and patination to the gilt metal, together with some...

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