

SA504898

Outstanding Victorian Novelty Wine Cooler in Silver Plate by Elkington - 1879

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA504898****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 18 cm (7.1")

Description

A magnificent and rare silver plated wine cooler of naturalistic form, striking an quite beautiful. The underside is fully marked by the top-notch silversmith, Elkington and Co.; being Elkington it enables us to date it accurately with the date letter for the year 1879. Excellent condition without wear to the silver plate, usage wear on the interior commensurate with age. The diameter measuring 7" x 7 1/4" tall. Elkington & Co. are one of the most important names in English silver and certainly the most important in silver plate. They began life in Birmingham as a company of silversmiths in 1836, and experimented with improving gilding techniques. By 1838 they had discovered and patented a new way to electroplate one metal on to the surface of another. By 1840 production was already underway with silver electroplated wares. The company received financial backing from Josiah Mason in 1842 (renaming the firm Elkington, Mason & Co between 1842 and 1861) and was extremely successful. It introduced electrotyping as a new method of production for silver plated items. Elkington & Co exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851 with enormous success. Item ID:39681 FREE Worldwid...

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