

SA632591

Late Victorian Cased Champagne or Soda Water Test Gauge by Hayward Tyler & Co London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA632591****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 21 cm (8.3")

Description

For sale, a rare late Victorian cased champagne or soda water test gauge by Hayward Tyler & Co. Otherwise known as an aphrometer, this highly unusual piece takes the form of a champagne tap of the type that were widely retailed from about 1880 onwards by such companies as Farrow & Jackson and Maw & Son for tapping champagne bottles and maintaining their freshness. The end culminates with a removable spear point which is used initially to pierce a bottle cork and once the shaft is screwed through to the base of the cork, the shaft drops into the bottle allowing access to the liquid through the hollow interior. The top of the shaft contains a simple shut off valve which contains the aerated contents of the bottle until it is required. This instrument uses the same principle to allow access to the bottle contents but includes the addition of a simple manometer attached to the threaded end of the base. Once the valve was opened, the existing pressure of the carbon dioxide within the bottle would allow a manufacturer or brewer to check the quality of the product by means of the pressure reading. The gauge is contained within a brass housing with white ceramic dial readings...

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