

SA678827

Georgian Opaque Twist Gin Glass c1760

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA678827****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Width = 4.6 cm (1.8")

Depth = 5.9 cm (2.3")

Description

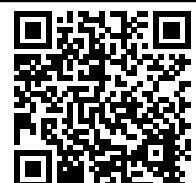
Date & Origin England, c1760. Period of George III. **Condition** Excellent, age-related wear as shown, no chips cracks or restoration. Small slag seed from manufacture in the foot, as to be expected. **Dimensions** Height: 12.5cm Rim diameter: 4.6cm Foot diameter: 5.9cm. **Technical Description** An English lead 18th-century opaque twist gin glass. A round funnel bowl above a double series opaque twist stem consisting of two pairs of spiral threads outside a central gauze. A conical foot with a rough pontil. **Historical Relevance** A fine example with a relatively small bowl which was probably used for Gin rather than wine. The English parliament passed various acts from 1729 through 1751 designed to control the consumption of gin and curb the epidemic of extreme drunkenness and the overconsumption of gin. Although the smaller bowl may point to Gin usage there other similar acholic drinks that were available at that time which would have suited the glass...most of which we today would find rather vile for our 21st-century palets. In a historical context, this glass was hand-blown around the time Blackfriars Bridge across the River Thames in London opened to traffic on th...

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