

SA760362

Antique Locking Tantalus, English, Oak, Decanter Case, Fenton Bros, Victorian

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA760362****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 32 cm (12.6")

Width = 36.5 cm (14.4")

Depth = 14.5 cm (5.7")

Description

This is an antique locking tantalus. An English, oak and silver plated decanter case by Fenton Brothers of Sheffield, dating to the late Victorian period, circa 1900. Alluring tantalus with decorative appeal Displays a desirable aged patina Oak case shows fine grain interest with striking medullary rays Cut glass in very good order throughout Two-piece locking bar uniting both sides with sinuous handle to centre Circular, working lock secures access to the decanters — key present Shaped stile ends decorated with silver plated brightwork Plinth base with attractive bracing in the Gothic revival taste Trio of superb decanters with cut glass decorative finish and eye-catching faceted stoppers Named for the character in Greek mythology, Tantalus The locking tantalus is an allegory for the inability to satisfy temptations Ideally suited for the displaying of fine spirits without unsolicited access This example engraved with the maker's mark of Fenton Bros, Sheffield and the Staniforth Patent mark This is a fascinating and highly appealing antique locking tantalus with three quality decanters, displayed within wonderfully figured oak offering great colour and medullary rays...

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