

SA964643

Coromandel-wood 3-decanter Tantalus of smaller size, by Betjemann of London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA964643****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 23.5 cm (9.3")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

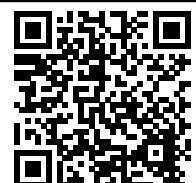
A very good Victorian Coromandel-wood three decanter tantalus of smaller size than usual, by Betjemann, 34-42 Pentonville Road, London with silver plated locking handle-bar. The box and contents are in very good condition. The silver plate has worn evenly across the piece, and although very attractive in its current state, could easily be re-plated if desired. Each of the three stoppers is in perfect condition, no replacements, chips or missing edges. Dimensions: Height (top of handle): 8.25 inches. Width: 9.25 inches. Depth: 4 inches (21 x 23.5 x 10 cm) Edward Betjemann succeeded his father (George) in the family silver business, producing exceptional boxes with silver topped bottles and containers. Betjemann patented this design in 1829 and many examples were subsequently produced, mostly for the full 1 litre sized decanters. This unusual smaller example, was most likely for liqueurs and measures just 5.5 inches (14cm) tall. Interestingly Edward was also the father of Sir John Betjeman the famous Poet Laureat. The second 'n', at the end of the family name, was dropped during the 1st World War to avoid any confusion with German or Dutch ancestors. Dated: c.1860-1880

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