

SA979464

Antique Old Sheffield Plate Regency Wine Cooler C1820 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA979464****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 28 cm (11.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

This is a wonderful and rare antique English Old Sheffield Plate, silver on copper, Regency wine cooler of campana form, Circa 1820 in date. The cooler features a ribbed two-handled maskhead urn shaped body with fluted band and pedestal foot beneath an engraved armorial and fruiting vine leaf collar, the detachable liner with an engraved inscription dated 1887. There is no mistaking the unique and fabulous quality and design which is sure to make this a treasured piece by any discerning collector. Condition: In really excellent condition with only minor signs of wear commensurate with age and use, please see photos for confirmation of condition. Dimensions in cm: Height 28 x Width 23 x Depth 23. Dimensions in inches: Height 11 inches x Width 9 inches x Depth 9 inches. Old Sheffield Plate - or 'fused plate' as it is sometimes known, was the first commercially viable method of plating metal. The material was accidentally invented by Thomas Boulsover, of Sheffield's Cutlers Company, in 1743. While trying to repair the handle of a customer's decorative knife, he heated it too much and the silver started to melt. When he examined the damaged handle, he noticed tha...

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