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Late Victorian Silver-Plate and Etched Glass Claret Jug, Circa 1890

£125

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Height: 28 cm (11")

Diameter: 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A refined late 19th-century claret jug, dating to circa 1890, combining an elegantly etched glass body with richly detailed silver-plate mounts. Designed for serving claret and other wines at the dining table, it is a handsome example of the polished, hospitable style associated with late Victorian entertaining.

The clear glass body is decorated with finely etched ornament, which catches and reflects the light while allowing the colour of the wine to remain visible. Its silver-plated mount incorporates a hinged cover, graceful handle, and pouring spout, bringing both practical function and visual balance to the design. The contrast between the bright metalwork and the delicately worked glass gives the jug a particularly sophisticated appearance.

Claret jugs became a familiar feature of well-appointed Victorian dining tables, used to present wine with ceremony and ease. They were produced in a broad range of styles, from plain and understated forms to elaborate examples with engraved, cut, or etched decoration. This example has the elegance and presence to work equally well as a serving piece or as a decorative object in a dining room, bar, or cabinet.

Its tall silhouette and light-catching surfaces make it a versatile addition to a collection of antique silver plate, Victorian glass, or traditional tableware. A charming piece for those who enjoy entertaining, it offers a tangible connection to the rituals of late 19th-century dining.

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