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French Rococo-Style Silver-Plate Wine Strainer, 19th Century

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Description

A finely made 19th-century French silver-plate wine strainer in the exuberant Rococo style. Both practical and decorative, this elegant table accessory was designed to strain sediment from wine as it was poured, while adding a flourish of French refinement to the dining table.

The strainer is richly worked with the flowing, asymmetrical ornament so characteristic of the Rococo revival: scrolling foliage, sinuous curves, and decorative openwork combine to create a light yet sculptural design. Its pierced bowl allowed wine to pass cleanly into a decanter or glass while retaining cork fragments and natural sediment, an essential consideration when serving fine bottled wines.

Such pieces formed part of the polished ritual of 19th-century French dining, when elaborate tablewares reflected hospitality, taste, and the pleasures of entertaining. The silver-plated finish gives the object a handsome lustre, while the detailed decoration lends it the visual presence of a small work of sculpture.

A charming and functional example of French table silver, ideal for use in a traditional wine service or as an attractive addition to a collection of antique dining accessories, barware, or Rococo-inspired decorative arts.

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