MARY COOKE ANTIQUES LTD Fine Antique Silver

A very rare early Charles II Wine Taster made in London in 1662, makers mark of RS between mullets.





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Description

The Wine Taster is circular in form, with raised sides divided into panels by punch beaded bands, which are decorated with stylised flowers. The centre of the bowl is decorated with an unusual stylised flower head and the side is engraved with the initials MP. The Wine Taster has two S scroll wire work handles and is well marked on the side of the main body. The makers mark of RS between mullets is illustrated on page 128 of Jacksons Silver and Gold Marks.

Few Wine Tasters were made by English silversmiths because wine was not a national product and the majority are French. There were a small number produced in England from 1645 and this represents a rare early example.

Height: 1 inch.

Length, handle to handle: 4.45 inches.