

Charles II. A very rare "Acanthus Spear" Wine Taster made in London circa 1680 by John Spackman.

Sold



## Description

The Taster is of circular form with a slightly baluster main body and everted rim. The lower section is decorated with scrolls and stylised foliate motifs, below a central prick dot band. This piece also has two unusual twisted rope work handles. The centre of the bowl, however, displays an unusual acanthus spear - a most unusual decorative motif to be seen on such a piece. The Taster is in excellent condition and is clearly marked on the side of the main body with IS with a cinquefoil motif below, for John Spackman, who had workshops in Charing Cross when this piece was made. The makers mark is illustrated on page 136 of Jacksons, Silver & Gold Marks.

Height: 0.9 inches, 2.25cm.

Length, handle to handle: 2.5 inches, 6.25cm.