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19th-Century Cut and Etched Glass Onion Decanter, Circa 1870

£25

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Height: 25 cm (9.8")

Diameter: 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A Fine 19th-Century Cut and Etched Glass Onion-Form Decanter, Circa 1870

A handsome late 19th-century glass decanter of generously rounded onion form, dating to circa 1870. Elegantly proportioned and richly decorated, it combines deeply cut glass with finely etched ornament, creating a piece with both impressive visual presence and the refined craftsmanship associated with Victorian table glass.

The globular body is carefully cut to catch and refract the light, while the etched decoration introduces a more delicate, ornamental contrast to the crisp geometric cutting. Its broad, rounded silhouette tapers gracefully towards the neck, producing the familiar and enduringly appealing "onion" profile. The result is a decanter that feels substantial and decorative, yet remains sophisticated enough for formal dining or display.

Made at a time when finely cut glass formed an essential part of an elegant dining table, this decanter would have been used to serve wine or spirits with ceremony. Today, it makes a striking addition to a dining room, bar, or drinks cabinet, whether displayed alone or grouped with other 19th-century glassware.

A beautiful example of Victorian decorative glass, combining sculptural form, luminous cutting, and delicate etched detail. An excellent choice for collectors of antique glass and for anyone seeking a distinctive piece for entertaining.

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