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Large Victorian Cut-Glass Water Jug, Circa 1860

£245

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Height: 32 cm (12.6")

Diameter: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A very large and impressive English cut-glass water jug, dating to circa 1860. With its generous scale, brilliant cut decoration, and substantial presence, this is a fine example of the handsome table glass made for the formal dining rooms and well-appointed country houses of the Victorian period.

The jug is richly decorated with precisely cut geometric ornament, designed to catch and refract the light across its surface. Its faceted body, broad pouring lip, and sturdy handle combine practical function with a bold, architectural elegance. The weight and clarity of the glass give it a wonderful sense of quality, while the large capacity suggests that it was made for serious entertaining and a generously laid table.

During the mid-19th century, finely cut glass was an essential part of an affluent household's dining service. Water jugs of this scale would have stood alongside decanters, wine glasses, and serving dishes, adding sparkle and visual grandeur to the table. Their elaborate cutting reflected both the technical skill of English glassmakers and the Victorian taste for richly detailed decorative objects.

Now, this exceptional jug would make a striking centrepiece for a dining table, sideboard, or drinks cabinet. It remains entirely practical for serving water, punch, or chilled drinks, while also offering considerable decorative appeal when displayed with flowers or simply admired for the play of light through the cut glass.

A superb piece of Victorian table glass, equally suited to a country-house interior, a collection of antique glass, or anyone looking for a substantial and characterful serving piece.

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