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Daum Pâte de Verre Snail Dish, Circa 1960

£395

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Height: 6 cm (2.4")

Width: 18 cm (7.1")

Depth: 16 cm (6.3")

Description

A charming and finely modelled Daum pâte de verre glass dish, created in the form of a curling leaf with a snail resting along its edge, and dating to circa 1960. Signed by Daum and retailed by Asprey of London, this delightful object combines the celebrated French glassmaker's mastery of sculptural glass with the playful naturalism of mid-century decorative art.

The dish is formed as a gently curved leaf, its textured surface and softly undulating edge giving the piece a sense of movement and life. The snail is carefully rendered in relief, with a detailed spiral shell and elongated body, transforming a practical small dish into a miniature work of art. The pâte de verre technique lends the glass a softly luminous, tactile quality, with subtle variations of colour and translucency that reveal themselves beautifully in changing light.

Daum, founded in Nancy in 1878, is internationally renowned for its innovative and highly decorative glass. By the mid-20th century, the company was producing sculptural designs that drew inspiration from the natural world, combining exceptional technical skill with a distinctly French sense of wit and elegance. The additional Asprey of London retail mark gives the piece a further layer of provenance, connecting it to one of Britain's most prestigious purveyors of luxury goods.

Both decorative and functional, this unusual glass snail dish would make a wonderful addition to a collection of Daum glass, French decorative arts, or mid-century design. It is equally appealing as a desk tray, trinket dish, or simply as an engaging sculptural accent in an interior.

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