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Victorian Cut-Glass Water Jug, Circa 1840

£120

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Height: 10 cm (3.9")

Diameter: 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A handsome and generously proportioned Victorian cut-glass water jug, dating to circa 1840. Beautifully made in clear, heavy glass, it has an elegant, practical form enhanced by richly cut decoration and the exceptional light-reflecting quality associated with fine early Victorian table glass.

The body is decorated with a refined swag design, its sweeping garlands creating a pleasing contrast with the crisp linear and faceted cutting around them. The elaborate surface catches and refracts the light from every angle, giving the jug a lively brilliance whether displayed on a dining table, sideboard, or drinks tray. Its substantial weight and large scale lend it a particularly impressive presence.

Both decorative and functional, this is a fine example of the glassware produced for the increasingly formal dining and entertaining culture of the Victorian period. It would have been used to serve water at the table, while its sparkling cut decoration ensured that even a practical object contributed to the overall elegance of the setting.

A versatile and attractive piece for a collector of Victorian glass, or a striking addition to a traditional dining room, country house interior, or bar display. It remains as useful today for serving water, wine, or summer drinks as it is beautiful when displayed as an object in its own right.

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