

An important pair of George III Wine Coolers made in London in 1802 by Robert Sharp, from the collection of the 1st Baron Sherborne.

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Description

Each stands on a circular foot decorated with gadrooning. The plain vase shaped body rises to an everted gadrooned rim and the upper section displays a protruding reed and tie girdle. The Coolers have leaf capped scroll side handles, with central flower heads, and raying shell mouldings where they are attached to the main body. Each has a removable plain collar and interior liner. Both the front and reverse is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with the Coronet of a Baron above and the motto "Servaro Fidem" engraved on a banner below. The Armorial is flanked each side by detailed supporters. The Armorial, Coronet and Motto are those of James Dutton, 1st Baron Sherborne (1744-1820) and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Wenman Coke, whom he married in 1774. Their seat was the fabulous Sherborne Park in Gloucestershire. The Coolers are in quite excellent condition, are very well marked on each section and are of an exceptional weight and gauge. Height: 10 inches, 25 cm. Diameter at the rim: 8.3 inches, 20.75 cm. Weight: 194oz, the pair. Provenance: - Made in 1802 for James Dutton, 1st Baron Sherborne, of Sherborne Park Gloucestershire. - With Mary Cooke Antiques Limited May 2025. JAMES NAPER DUTTON – 1st BARON SHERBORNE 22nd OCTOBER 1744 – 22nd MAY 1820. Sherborne was the son of James Lennox Dutton and his second wife Jane. He was educated at Eton College and Christ Church Oxford, 1763. He was appointed High Sheriff of Gloucestershire for 1779-80 and elected member of Parliament for Gloucestershire in 1780, a seat he held until 1784. He was raised to the peerage in 1784 as the 1st Baron Sherborne. In 1774, Lord Sherborne married Elizabeth, daughter of Wenman Coke, and sister of the future Earl of Leicester. They had four children: Elizabeth Jane Dutton (1775–1836), married Thomas Howard, 16th Earl of Suffolk. Anne Margaret Dutton (1776–1852) Frances Mary Dutton (1778–1807), married Prince Ivan Ivanovitch Bariatski of Russia (1772–1825)., Russian Minister to the Court of Bavaria. John Dutton, 2nd Baron Sherborne (1779–1862), married Mary Bilson Legge (1780–1864), daughter of Henry Bilson Legge, 2nd Baron Stawell (1757–1820). Lord Sherborne died in May 1820, aged 75, and was succeeded in the barony by his son, John. Lady Sherborne died in December 1824. In 1809 he became the major investor of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Railway Company, subscribing £ 10,000 of the £ 26,000 capital. Their seat was the fabulous Sherborne Park in Gloucestershire. The Dutton family had owned the manor from circa 1522 and the first house was built on this site by Valentine Strong in 1651-53. It was remodelled in 1829-34 for the 2nd Baron Sherborne by Lewis Wyatt. The adjoining church of St. Mary Magdalene has origins in the late 13th century. Zoffany painted the family circa 1774 "The Dutton family playing Cards in the Drawing Room at Sherborne Park". The painting is attached and is now in the Cleveland Museum of Art in the U.S.A. Zoffany was commissioned by James Lennox Dutton and depicts him, with his wife Jane, their son James Dutton, 1st Baron S...