A very rare William IV Anti Corn Law League Wine Label made in London circa 1835 by Sampson Mordan.

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Description

The die stamped label is embossed with agricultural motifs including sheaves of corn, bales of wool and cornucopia and the word "Free" stamped twice forming a motto (all of which relate to the Free Trade movement). This rare label is pierced for LISBON and stamped MORDAN on the reverse for Sampson Mordan and Company.The Free Trade Movement formed the main opposition to the controvercial Corn Laws enacted by the British Government that imposed tariffs on imported cereals and staple foods from 1815 onwards before being repealed in 1846. These laws protected the agricultural land owners but were unpopular with an increasingly urban population, as well as many others. In 1846 the Conservative Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, managed to repeal the Corn Laws, with help from the Whig opposition, but in doing so caused a split in his own party. An identical label is shown on page 103 of "Wine Labels 1730-2003 - A Worldwide History".Length: 2.2 inches, 5.5 cm.Width: 1.45 inches, 3.63 cm

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