

CHARLES II. A very rare early Charles II Fruiting Vine Wine Taster made in London in 1669 and stamped with the maker's mark of IG with a crescent below.

£4,500



## Description

The Wine Taster stands on a narrow circular foot and has slightly baluster sides, and everted rim. The sides are decorated with punch bead bands, as well as stylised flower heads and foliate spears. This example has wirework "S" scroll handles. The bowl of the Taster displays a very crisp set of marks and is decorated with a trailing vine and bunch of grapes, which is a most unusual feature and seldom seen. The maker's mark is shown on page 121 of Jackson's, "Silver & Gold Marks". Very few Wine Tasters were made by English silversmiths because wine was not a national product and the majority are French. There were a small number produced in England from 1645 and examples from Charles II's reign are rare. Length, across the handles: 3.25 inches, 8.13 cm. Height: 1 inch, 2.5 cm