

Basic Detail Report

Title Decanter with Stopper

Date 1815-1840

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Blown three-mold colorless lead glass

Description Blown colorless three-mold lead glass decanter and stopper. The decanter (.a) has a flared lip, an inverted conical neck, a low sloping shoulder, a semi-barrel shaped body, and a flat bottom with a pontil mark in the center.

Three groups of double applied rings with vertical tool marks circle the neck of the decanter. The decanter was formed by blowing the glass into a three-part mold with a geometric pattern. This formed a series of vertical ribs on the shoulders, a wide band of diamond diapering around the widest part of the decanter, and an additional band of vertical ribs around the lower sides. There is a pontil mark in the center of the bottom of the decanter, surrounded by a band of recessed diamonds. The outer edge of the bottom of the decanter has a light ring of scratches and wear. There is one break or puncture in the glass to one side, at the widest point. The stopper (.b) consists of a globular finial above a ground tapered portion that fits into the neck of the decanter. The finial is decorated with a raised pattern of ribs above and below a band of diamond diapering. The very bottom of the stopper is broken off. Pontil mark: A rough place on a blown glass object where the solid metal rod, or pontil, is cracked off the object after final shaping and decoration. Pontil marks can be polished to achieve a smooth surface.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including stopper x diameter): 10 1/2 x

4 1/2in. (26.7 x 11.4cm)