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Title Decanter with Stopper

Date 1800-1820

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-blown colorless lead glass

Description Mold-blown colorless lead glass decanter with a flared lip, an inverted conical neck, low sloping shoulders, a barrel-shaped body, and a flat rayed bottom with a pontil mark in the center. The inside of the neck is ground to receive a glass stopper. The decanter (.a) has two applied pairs of rings at the neck, incised with vertical or slightly slanted tooled lines. Below this, the decanter is plain until the lower third, where it is circled by vertical, wide, rounded ribs. The pontil mark in the center of the bottom is surrounded by a concentric area of plain glass, then rays at the outer edge. There is a ring of scratching and wear on the bottom of the decanter. The decanter is accompanied by a pressed lead glass stopper (.b). The stopper consists of a finial in the shape of a vertical disc above a barrel-shaped ground portion that fits into the neck of the decanter. 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.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including stopper x diameter): 9 1/4 x 3 1/2in. (23.5 x 8.9cm)