

American Napier recipe cocktail shaker

£975



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Height: 27 cm (10.6")

Diameter: 11 cm (4.3")

Description

A rare 1930s American Napier patent large form silver plate and gilt recipe cocktail shaker.

The Napier patent recipe cocktail shaker emerged during the cocktail boom of the 1930s, created by the Napier Company, better known for elegant silver-plated accessories.

The shaker shows the recipe for many favourites and some unusual ones too:

Whisky sour

Alexander

Bacardi

Between the sheets

Bronx

Clover club

Dry martini

Dubonet

Gin Ricky

Manhattan

Old fashioned

Orange blossom

Palm beech

Side car

Tom Collins

Patented in 1937, the shaker reflected Art Deco ingenuity by integrating engraved drink recipes directly onto its body, allowing home bartenders to mix classics without consulting a book. Each rotating sleeve revealed formulas for popular cocktails, merging practicality with glamour. Produced through the mid-20th century, it became both a bar tool and conversation piece.

Today, collectors prize it as a symbol of interwar sophistication, inventive design, and the democratisation of cocktail culture in American households.