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19th-Century Etched Glass Brandy Barrel Lamp

£195

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Height: 38 cm (15")

Diameter: 17 cm (6.7")

Description

A charming late 19th-century etched glass brandy barrel, dating to circa 1880 and later converted into a distinctive table lamp. Originally made as part of a refined country-house drinks service, this decorative vessel has been given a new purpose while retaining its wonderful period character and convivial association with Victorian entertaining.

The barrel-shaped glass body is richly etched with decorative detail, its rounded form recalling the small spirit casks once displayed in dining rooms, libraries, and smoking rooms. The engraved decoration catches and diffuses the light beautifully, making the lamp especially atmospheric when illuminated. Its unusual form creates an appealing contrast between the practical familiarity of the original object and its later life as a decorative furnishing.

Small branded spirit barrels such as this were often associated with the hospitality of the country house, where fine wines and spirits were served after dinner. This example retains that sense of warmth and occasion, while its conversion into a lamp allows it to be enjoyed as a functional and highly individual interior piece.

A wonderfully characterful lamp for a library, bar, dining room, study, or country-house interior. It would also make an original addition to a collection of antique barware, etched glass, or converted decorative objects.

Rewired with twisted fabric flex and PAT tested.

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