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Antique Royal Worcester Vitreous Gravy Boat, With Underplate, C. 1899.



350 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Porcelain

Description

Antique Vitreous lidded gravy boat of oval form with elephant head handles and claw feet, accompanied by an underplate, made by Royal Worcester in the 19th century. This piece is decorated with incredibly intricate and beautiful gold ornamentation, with navy blue borders that further emphasize its elegance. The Worcester stamp, featuring a crown, is imprinted on the bottom.

"Crown Ware" refers to a range of goods introduced at Royal Worcester around 1870. These were made from a type of heavy earthenware that was extremely durable. The most popular tableware shape was called "Athens." Originally, this range was known as Vitreous Ware, with factory marks displaying the Royal Worcester Vitreous ribbon. Production

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ceased in 1930, replaced by a hard porcelain oven body that had the advantage of being translucent.

Vitreous china refers to an enamel coating applied to ceramics, particularly porcelain, after firing. It also refers to the finished product as a whole. This coating makes porcelain tougher.

This specific gravy boat was commissioned by William Whiteley, as evidenced by the stamp on the bottom. Whiteley was an English

businessman from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and the founder of the famous Whiteleys department stores in London. In 1896, Whiteleys earned an unsolicited Royal Warrant from Queen Victoria, an unprecedented achievement. The store later earned another Royal Warrant from King George V.

Sauceboats, also known as gravy boats, are small jug-like vessels used for serving sauces and gravy. They became fashionable in the early 18th century and were crafted from silver, silver plate, or ceramics. Early sauceboats were typically plain and oval in shape, with solid oval feet. During the Georgian period, they became more elaborate, with metal examples featuring chasing, engraving, and a three-footed base, sometimes sold in pairs. Ceramic sauceboats were often part of dinner services, with some having an attached plate to catch drips and spills.

This gravy boat is a remarkable piece worthy of attention from true collectors of antique English porcelain.

Dimensions:

Gravy boat: Height 16 cm, W x L 13 x 24.5 cm

Stand: W x L 22 x 15 cm

Total weight: 1276 grams

Condition:

Stand: Perfect, with complete preservation of gilding and colors.

Gravy boat: Hairline crack inside the circumference (not visible from the outside), and

another hairline crack on the inner part of the base (also not visible from the outside). There is some loss of gilding on the handles shaped like elephant heads and on the lid handle where the crow's paws are located. Otherwise, excellent preservation of colors and gilding.

Please study the accompanying photographs carefully, as they form an integral part of this description. The item will be shipped with full tracking and insurance. Shipping costs include labor, packaging, and postage.