



Pair Of French Empire 950 Silver Swan Salt Cellars With Cut Crystal



670 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Description

This elegant pair of French salt cellars, dating from the early 19th century, is crafted in 950/1000 silver and displays the refined Neoclassical vocabulary associated with the Empire period. Each piece is designed in a graceful navette shape and fitted with a removable cut-crystal liner, creating a particularly attractive contrast between the brilliance of the crystal and the finely worked silver mount. The silver frames are richly ornamented with classical motifs, including delicate laurel garlands and shell decoration. Particularly distinctive are the sculptural handles formed as swans with outstretched wings, an emblematic motif of French Neoclassical and Empire decorative arts. The openwork construction is further embellished with suspended garlands, while the slender

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supports terminate in small shaped feet, giving each salt cellar an elegant, architectural appearance.

The removable crystal liners are cut with a geometric diamond-pattern decoration that beautifully catches and reflects the light. Their substantial form and clarity complement the delicacy of the silverwork.

A charming and highly decorative pair, these salt cellars illustrate the sophistication of French tableware during the early 19th century. The silver retains an attractive antique patina and subtle traces of age and use consistent with their history.

Dimensions (each):

L. 7 cm (2.76 in.)

W. 4.2 cm (1.65 in.)

H. 3.3 cm (1.30 in.)