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A STOKES & SON silver plated "Sheffield" wine cooler with an epoussée border of hanging grape vines.

The side handles are in the shape of lion masks holding the hanging rings.

(2 pieces, as it retains its "frog", which is a pierced liner to keep the contents out of the melted ice)

Makers mark: hanging boomerang under a star. (Stokes & Son) and various numeral stamps.

Also, an ice bucket with a border of hanging grape vines, and the handles heavily decorated with flowers and foliage. Also with a frog.

Dimensions: $20 \times 16 \times 9 \text{ cm high}$

(2 items, in 4 pcs)

model code:ANT MI Lot104:40C

Price: THB

Historical note:

Stokes (Australasia) Ltd.



Thomas Stokes was a die sinker and electroplater, born in Birmingham in the UK in 1831. He arrived in Victoria, Australia, in the 1850s, to join the search for gold.

Soon after, presumably being unsuccessful in his quest for gold he established a business in Melbourne as a "Die Sinker and Medallist, Stamper and Token Maker". Soon after added electroplating to the services he was able to supply.

In the 1860s, his company Thomas Stokes was based at 100 Collins Street East.

By the 1880s he was employing 30 tradesmen and apprentices. The company's specialty was badges and at about this time they were producing coat and collar badges for schools, colleges, lodges and associations, the Victorian Railways, Salvation Army and the Australian Army.

The business became a proprietary concern in 1911, re-named Stokes & Son Pty Ltd., and in 1962 Stokes became a public company, renamed Stokes (Australasia) Ltd.

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