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## Antique French Silver Tastevin, 18th Century Form, Later Minerva 950 Mark, Museum Example



550 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Parfait état

Material : Sterling silver

### Description

Rare antique French silver wine taster (tastevin), likely dating from the 18th century, with a later French Minerva hallmark (introduced in 1838). The piece features a smooth, rounded bowl and a ring handle with ridged decoration--an early and elegant form associated with the Louis XV/Louis XVI period. The hallmark indicates .950 silver purity (1st titre) and suggests the item was re-hallmarked in the 19th century, as was often done with older silver when re-entering the market. Tastevins with this form are highly collectible and increasingly rare. This one is further personalized with the engraving "Chaput de Laps 1808," possibly commemorative. This type of early tastevin is comparable to examples held in the Musée du Vin in Paris and the Musée du Vin de Bourgogne in Beaune. These museums

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emphasize the importance of such tools in traditional French wine culture. Dimensions: Approx. diameter: 7.5 cm weight: 85,35 g Condition: Excellent antique condition. Minor surface wear from use. Clear hallmark. Shipping: Professionally packed and shipped with full tracking and insurance.