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Large Victorian Glass Apothecary Jar with Faceted Stopper, Circa 1880

£495

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Height: 71 cm (28")

Diameter: 22 cm (8.7")

Description

A handsome and generously scaled Victorian glass apothecary jar, dating to circa 1880. With its clear, weighty body and beautifully cut faceted stopper, this elegant vessel has the refined simplicity and practical grandeur associated with late 19th-century chemists' shops and dispensing rooms.

The jar is distinguished by its crisp, symmetrical form and substantial stopper, whose multiple facets catch and reflect the light to striking effect. Originally intended to store medicinal ingredients, powders, herbs, or preparations, such vessels were an essential feature of the Victorian pharmacy-both functional containers and carefully considered elements of a professional interior.

Today, its clean lines and sculptural presence make it a versatile decorative object. Displayed alone, as part of a collection of antique pharmacy glass, or grouped with other vessels on a console, mantelpiece, or library shelf, it brings a quiet sense of history and understated elegance to an interior. The transparent glass also makes it particularly effective when filled with dried botanicals, shells, decorative objects, or simply left empty to appreciate its form.

A fine example of Victorian utilitarian design elevated through quality and proportion, this large apothecary jar would appeal to collectors of antique glass, pharmacy antiques, and 19th-century decorative objects.

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