

James Heeley & Sons A1 corkscrew

£75



Description

A James Heeley & Sons double lever steel A1 corkscrew circa 1880.

The **James Heeley & Sons A1 corkscrew** is a notable Victorian wine-opening device first patented in 1888 by Neville Heeley of Birmingham, England. It features a distinctive double-lever mechanism designed to remove corks efficiently with minimal effort. The two hinged side levers work with a central spiral, or wire helix, allowing the cork to be lifted smoothly from the bottle.

This design was considered a major improvement on earlier corkscrews and became highly successful and widely copied.

Produced for decades in finishes such as bronze or nickel plating, the A1 corkscrew is now valued as both a practical tool and a collectible example of late nineteenth-century engineering and craftsmanship.