

Herend[®]

Reserve Collection

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Pineapple
Limited edition of 150
3.5" L. x 8.5" H.
\$1,250

During colonial times, the home was at the center of social life and visiting was the main source of entertainment and communication. Any well-heeled hostess of the day would try to impress her guests and reflect her family's social position by creating grand displays of food. Consisting of pedestals of treats often drizzled in sugar and intertwined with flowers and porcelain figurines, the lady of the house would try to outdo her social rivals by offering her guests the most lavish welcome she could afford. Often, these lush displays were topped off by a pineapple. Considered a luxury at the time, pineapples were very scarce since they were difficult to cultivate domestically and often did not survive the long, ocean voyage. That combined with their natural shape made the pineapple the sought after crown on



top of these extravagant spectacles. Colonial women were so desperate to have this exotic fruit as a guest at their table that middle-class women would often resort to renting it for the day; of course, this was a well-kept secret between merchant and mistress. Only the wealthiest of neighbors could afford to buy the pineapple outright and enjoy its sweet temptation.

With this newest addition to the Reserve Collection, the lady of the house will no longer have to resort to subterfuge to bring a pineapple into the home. While its ranking as an essential for home entertaining may have dwindled, Herend's version will no doubt still impress guests.