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AN UNIQUE HAND BLOWN KOSTA SOMMERSO GLASS VASE BY VICKE LINDSTRAND

Cobalt blue graduating to rich amber, encased in clear glass with a large controlled bubble in the base, the underside hand-engraved with a full signature and serial number "Kosta 41842", retaining a perfect "Clear Gold Crown/Kosta, Sweden" label on the side. In excellent condition, Swedish c.1960.

Vicke Lindstrand (1904-1983) was one of Sweden's most innovative and important designers of 20th century glass. His contributions were legendary. Throughout his long career, he was constantly developing new techniques, shapes and decorative styles. Lindstrand trained at the Göteborg School of Arts and Crafts, and joined Orrefors as a designer in 1928. In the early 1940's he left to work in ceramics at Upsala Ekeby. During this time his enthusiasm for glass was set aside. Fortunately, in 1950 he was hired as director of artistic design at Kosta where he remained until retirement in 1973. His arrival at Kosta was literally akin to the unleashing of a cyclone within a sleepy village. Among new designs created at Kosta under his direction were the Colora and Unik series "Autumn Leaves", "Trees in the Fog" and "Abstracta" vases.

Height: 8 1/4" 210mm
£465

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