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Sabina Denarius With Concordia -- Certificate Of Authenticity



220 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

Silver denarius (AR) of Sabina (wife of Hadrian), struck at Rome circa AD 133-135, with CONCORDIA AVG on the reverse: an issue especially appreciated by collectors for its imperial female portrait "with stephane" and for the seated Concordia scene--an iconography of dynastic stability solidly documented in the corpora.

Analysis & expertise
Careful observation under ×10 magnification and raking light: examination of both sides highlights a denarius with a deep gray patina, nuanced by slightly warmer tones in the recesses, and a generally smooth surface bearing circulation micro-marks compatible with an ancient passage. An edge notch / metal loss (a clear flan lacuna) is

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noted, visible consistently on both sides, typical of a flan accident or an incident during the coin's life; this feature does not prevent identification of the type, but is a material point that should be reported precisely. Within the strict limits of what visual examination allows to establish, the overall ensemble (portrait style, letter forms, legend arrangement, and reverse composition) remains consistent with a Roman denarius of Sabina referenced as RIC II.3 2548.

Obverse
The type is consistent: SABINA AVGVSTA, diademed / stephaned, draped bust right. The hairstyle reads in wavy masses and chignon, with the stephane clearly individualized under raking light.
The legend SABINA AVGVSTA appears in segments around the circumference; legibility varies with wear, centering, and the edge lacuna, which remains common for this module.
The facial relief (forehead, nasal ridge, lips, chin) retains a structured reading, useful for stylistic coherence of the attribution.

Reverse
The composition matches the reference type: CONCORDIA AVG, Concordia seated left, holding a patera and a scepter.
Under magnification, the seated posture, forward patera, and vertical scepter remain identifiable despite wear; the scene keeps a clear reading, reinforced by the circular legend.
The combination "CONCORDIA AVG + seated Concordia (patera & scepter)" forms a highly characteristic set of typological indicators for RIC II.3 2548 / BMCRE 932 / RSC 24.

Characteristics
Authority: Sabina (Sabina), Augusta, wife of Hadrian.
Mint: Rome.
Date: AD 133-135.
Denomination: Denarius (AR).

Obverse: SABINA AVGVSTA, diademed (stephane) and draped bust right.
Reverse: CONCORDIA AVG, Concordia seated left, holding patera and scepter.
Weight: 3.50 g
Diameter: 17 mm
References (cross bibliography): RIC II.3 2548 ; BMCRE 932 ; RSC 24 (Cohen/RSC).

Historical context
Under Hadrian, Sabina's coinage participates in a dynastic communication in which the image of the Augusta is placed within a moral and political vocabulary. Concordia, figure of agreement and harmony, expresses an ideal of stability of power and cohesion at the summit of the state; on a denarius, a coin of wide circulation, the message is deliberately simple and immediately legible: a seated divinity, clear attributes, and an explicit legend (CONCORDIA AVG).

Cultural value
For a collector, this issue brings together lasting qualities:
An imperial female portrait with strong visual identity (stephane and hairstyle), highly "museum-like" within the series of Augustae.
A Concordia reverse with immediate readability, sought after for its historical resonance and iconographic coherence.
A type firmly framed by the major corpora (RIC / BMCRE / RSC) and easily comparable to published specimens, facilitating documentation, classification, and valuation within a Hadrianic collection.

Traceability & guarantees
In accordance with our practices, each specimen is examined, described, and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity consistent with the standards of the art and heritage market; the study is conducted with careful observation under ×10 magnification and raking light, and is based on typological, stylistic, and metrological coherence,

as well as confrontation with the available references.
The coin is offered with a professional European provenance; the acquisition falls within a specialized international transaction, carried out within a recognized numismatic network and validated by expertise, according to practices applicable to heritage objects.

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