Denier Britannicus "victoriae Brit" -- Septimius Severus -- Certificate Of Authenticity



220 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

Silver denarius struck at Rome (AD 210-211), celebrating the British victory through the reverse legend VICTORIAE BRIT. Major reference type: RIC IV 332 / RSC 727 / SCBC 651, highly sought after for its direct historical resonance.

Analysis & expertise
Close examination under ×10 magnification and raking light
The coin shows a light grey silver tone with a discreet, even circulation patina that allows the relief to stand out clearly. The fields display fine linear traces and small contact marks consistent with an old monetary life, without aggressive surface disturbance.
The flan is broadly round, with a natural, "living" edge: minor marginal irregularities, small rim

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weaknesses, and subtle border variations typical of hammer striking. The beaded border remains perceptible over a large portion of both sides, and the lettering retains crisp edges, supporting a stable typological reading. Overall, the technical and stylistic coherence is consistent with Roman issues from this late phase of the reign.

Obverse
Type: laureate, bearded head of Septimius Severus right. The laurel wreath reads in segments (leaves and tie), while the curled hair and compact beard remain structured in relief. The facial modelling is well set, with the eye, nose bridge, and mouth clearly legible.
Legend: compatible with SEVERVS PIVS AVG BRIT, largely continuous around the rim, with a few slightly softened areas at the extreme periphery, without loss of the decisive elements.

Reverse
Type: Victory advancing right, animated drapery, holding a wreath (right arm extended) and a palm (left hand). The ground line remains perceptible, and the figure keeps strong readability: supporting leg, walking motion, and a clear hierarchy of attributes (wreath/palm), which are the key iconographic markers of the type.
Legend: VICTORIAE BRIT, readable in segments around the scene; the placement and regularity of the letters reinforce attribution to the late "Britannicus" issue.

Specifications
Authority: Septimius Severus (193-211)
Denomination: Denarius (AR)
Mint: Rome
Date: AD 210-211
Obverse: SEVERVS PIVS AVG BRIT -- laureate, bearded head right
Reverse: VICTORIAE BRIT -- Victory advancing right, holding palm and wreath
References: RIC IV 332; RSC 727; SCBC 651 (Sear RCV 6382 commonly cited in concordance)

Metrology: 19 mm; 3.50 g

Historical context
The title BRIT(annicus) and the legend VICTORIAE BRIT relate directly to Septimius Severus' British campaign begun in AD 208, continuing until his death at Eboracum (York) in AD 211. In this final stretch of the reign, coinage functions as a medium of proclamation, placing into circulation a message of military success and imperial prestige at a moment when dynastic continuity was being publicly asserted.

Cultural value
This denarius offers particularly strong appeal for a collection:
a late-reign "Britannicus" issue where obverse titulature and reverse message echo each other with exemplary clarity;
a dynamic Victory type with immediate readability (wreath + palm), made more desirable by the explicit "BRIT";
a firmly anchored attribution, supported by major references (RIC / RSC / SCBC) and readily comparable within published series and the specialist market.

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 under ×10 magnification and raking light, including checks of typological, stylistic, epigraphic, and metrological coherence against the reference works (RIC / RSC / SCBC) and comparative specimens.
The coin comes through a professional European circuit within a recognized numismatic network, following control standards commonly accepted on the market.

Secure shipping
Tracked shipment with signature and insurance,

in protective packaging appropriate for ancient silver (individual protection, shock padding, discreet outer packing), ensuring controlled circulation of a heritage object.