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Severus Alexander "victoria Avg" Denarius -- Certificate Of Authenticity



450 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

Silver denarius of Rome, combining a finely engraved portrait of Severus Alexander with a Victory reverse under the legend VICTORIA AVG: a classic, highly appreciated type for a Severan collection, securely framed by the standard corpora RIC / BMC / Cohen.

Analysis & Expertise
Careful examination under ×10 loupe and raking light
The coin presents a light grey silver with a still lively sheen, showing a subtle cabinet satin across the fields and clear high-point highlights on the edges of relief (laurel leaves, profile, drapery, Victory's wings and folds).
The flan is well preserved yet retains its expected ancient "character": slight edge waviness, small

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marginal weaknesses and a few pinpoint edge nicks, consistent with hammer striking on a denarius module. The beaded border is visible over a broad portion of both sides, locally softened near the rim. The fields show fine contact marks and a few light linear micro-striations consistent with old circulation, without any artificial uniformity; the types remain crisp and immediately attributable.

Obverse
The design matches the expected type: laureate head right, with a light shoulder drapery clearly perceptible (a desirable variety detail), and a well-structured facial model (eye, brow, nasal bridge, mouth). The hair reads in short locks, and the laurel wreath remains legible in segments, with leaves and tie distinguishable.
The legend IMP SEV ALEXAND AVG follows with generally satisfactory continuity around the circumference; a few letters weaken near minor flan irregularities, without affecting the identification of the titulature.

Reverse
Reverse VICTORIA AVG: Victory standing facing, head left, holding a wreath in the right hand and a palm in the left. The attributes are clearly recognizable: the circular wreath, the palm stem and foliage, and a stable figure set upon a visible ground line. The wings remain readable in their main masses, and the drapery folds are still apparent, even where the highest points show mild softening.
The legend VICTORIA AVG encircles the scene; the letterforms remain regular and characteristically "Roman," with minor peripheral weakness typical of this module.

Specifications
Authority: Severus Alexander (222-235)
Denomination: Denarius (AR)
Mint: Rome
Date: series placed in the corpora around

228-231, frequently attributed to 231 within the emission sequence
Obverse: IMP SEV ALEXAND AVG -- laureate head right, light shoulder drapery
Reverse: VICTORIA AVG -- Victory standing facing, head left, holding wreath and palm
References: RIC IV 212 ; BMC 702 ; Cohen 556
Metrology: 19 mm ; 2.92 g

Historical Context
Under Severus Alexander, the imperial coinage frequently employs easily readable imagery to project authority and order. Victory, with wreath (reward, success) and palm (triumph), belongs to this official visual language: it conveys consolidated legitimacy and continuity of power in a 3rd century where political stability becomes an increasingly central message.

Cultural Value
For a collector, this denarius offers a particularly attractive combination:
an expressive, well-formed portrait, enhanced by the shoulder drapery that adds typological interest;
a VICTORIA AVG reverse with immediate readability--both classic and emblematic within a Severan tray;
an attribution firmly anchored in the principal corpora (RIC / BMC / Cohen), facilitating comparison, classification, and integration into a coherent series.

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provenance, acquired through a specialized international transaction within a recognized numismatic network, following control practices commonly accepted in the field.

Secure Shipping
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