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Domitian Denarius "minerva Advancing" -- Certificate Of Authenticity



210 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Description

Analysis & expertise
A silver denarius of Domitian, struck at Rome in AD 92, whose strong collector appeal arises from one of the most instantly recognizable iconographic signatures of the reign, namely the Minerva reverse series--here Minerva shown advancing to the right, bearing spear and shield--while the obverse displays the full titulature of tribunician year TR P XI; the typological combination is firmly established in the corpora as RIC 728 / BMC 187, and is cited concordantly in accessible reference notices. Careful observation under ×10 magnification and raking light: the specimen appears on a homogeneous-module silver flan, encircled by a readable rim and regular peripheral beading, with a light grey nuanced toning and fine micro-marks

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from circulation; the laureate portrait remains very comfortably readable through the crispness of the forehead, the structured hair, and the visible wreath ties, and the reverse remains immediately expressive through Minerva's dynamic stance, the verticality of the spear, and the mass of the shield, the whole giving an impression of visual authority fully consistent with this Rome-mint Domitian denarius type.

Specifications

Authority / period: Domitian (AD 81-96), denarius struck at Rome, traditionally attributed to AD 92 for this titulature-type pairing.

Denomination / metal: Denarius, silver (AR), according to the standard classification of Flavian imperial issues.

Weight / module: 3.48 g (as stated); standard denarius module of the period, consistent with published comparanda for this type.

Obverse (legend and type): IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P XI, laureate head right, legend layout reading according to the expected formula of the AD 92 issues.

Reverse (legend and type): IMP XXI COS XVI CENS P P P, Minerva advancing right, holding spear and shield, iconographic arrangement consistent with the published description for RIC 728.

References: RIC 728; BMC 187 (catalogue concordance).

Internal reference: SKU 003142, ensuring clear traceability within the catalogue.

Historical context

The year AD 92 falls within a phase in which Domitian consistently asserts, through coinage, an image of disciplined and martial sovereignty, and the recurring use of Minerva--goddess of strategic intelligence as much as armed protection--forms an immediately intelligible ideological articulation: the divine figure, shield on arm and spear in hand, translates into religious and civic language the idea of a power that presents itself as vigilant, protective, and fully legitimate to govern the state.

Cultural value

For the collector, this denarius stands out for exemplary iconographic legibility, as it unites--on a classic silver format--a Flavian portrait readily "placeable" by its titulature, and a reverse in which the advancing Minerva scene, at once energetic and restrained, offers a choice piece for a Flavian collection, for a thematic series on the protective deities of the Principate, or for an ensemble devoted to issues where imperial ideology crystallizes into a single, immediately memorable image.

Traceability & guarantees

The provenance is European, from an established numismatic dealer, and the acquisition was conducted through a specialized international transaction within a recognized numismatic network, in accordance with the highest practices of the art and heritage market; the attribution is supported by a strictly verifiable concordance with RIC 728 / BMC 187, which precisely describe the legend combination and the Minerva-advancing type holding spear and shield. Each specimen is examined, described, and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity consistent with the standards of the art and heritage market, the present notice being deliberately anchored to observable elements and consultable documentation, so that the collector's confidence rests on a stable, controllable numismatic basis.