

SPECIAL OFFER

Napoleon Bonaparte

French 20 franc gold coins



Minted: 1803-1815

Grade: Very Fine to Extra Fine

.1867 fine ounces

Rationale

In all the years we have made special offers of unusual historic gold coins, this is the first time we have offered the Napoleon Bonaparte 20 franc gold coin. The principal problem has been locating a hoard in sufficient quantity to make an offer. The second problem has been finding a hoard that met our specifications with respect to the state of preservation. The third problem has been a reasonable acquisition price which we could pass along to our clientele. Happily this grouping overcomes each of these hurdles, making it a very appealing offer.

Less than 15 million of the Napoleon I 20 franc gold coins were minted and only a handful have survived the past 200 years. As a result, the "Napoleon," as it came to be known colloquially, is rarely offered in quantity. By way of comparison, the mintage of the well-known Napoleon III 20 franc gold coins was over 240 million. This 1000 coin hoard comprises the earliest pre-1933 gold coins ever offered by our firm. The most appealing aspect of this offer is the opportunity for our clientele to acquire the initial coinage of one of the most famous figures in history.

Historical Background

Napoleon Bonaparte, it could be said as it was of Julius Caesar, 'bestrides European history like a colossus.' He is arguably the most famous individual in Europe's long history. A gifted military tactician, statesman and politician, Napoleon conquered most of Europe and, in one of the most famous and vainglorious gestures in history, crowned himself Emperor in 1804 thus fulfilling his ambition to follow in the footsteps of the first French emperor, Charlemagne.

Few know that Napoleon, among his many accomplishments, was founder of the Bank of France and a staunch advocate of gold as opposed to government-issued, unbacked paper money. Andrew Dickson White renders this famous account of Napoleon's views on state finances and paper money:



"[The assignat inflation] ended in the complete financial, moral and political prostration of France -- a prostration from which only a Napoleon could raise it. . . at [his] first cabinet council Bonaparte was asked what he intended to do. He replied, 'I will pay cash or pay nothing.' . . . [Later] when the first great European coalition was hard pressed financially, and it was proposed to resort to paper money; he wrote to his minister, 'I will never resort to irredeemable paper money.' He never did, and France, under this determination, commanded all the gold she needed."

The Napoleon I gold coin represents this legacy and is one of the most sought after of the pre-1933 European gold coins. It is a worthy addition to any accumulation of pre-1933 gold coins not only for the history it represents, but for its potential appreciation as collectors' item over the long run, even as it tracks the price of gold. This is an excellent acquisition for those wishing to gift gold coins to their children or grandchildren.

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Availability

1000 coins

Terms of Sale

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