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Cataloniae principatus novissima et accurata descriptio

Stock#: 100529
Map Maker: Ortelius / Vrients
Date: 1609
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,400.00



Description:

Rare Early Map of Catalonia

Masterfully engraved antique map of Catalonia, prepared by Johann Baptiste Vrients to augment the Italian edition of Abraham Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. This fantastic map centers on Barcelona, with a host of details scattered throughout the map.

Montserrat overlooks the Catalanian capital city with its towering rock formations, and the map extends to the borders of Aragon and France. In the north, the majestic Pyrenees are shown. The highly decorative map shows a sea monster, a sailing ship, a compass rose and a highly ornate baroque cartouche centered on the Catalanian flag and the coats of arms of Barcelona.

Vrients played an important role in shaping the *Theatrum* after Ortelius's death in 1598. Vrients not only continued publication of the text, but he also augmented the book with some of the finest maps that would ever appear in its pages. The Vrients "Ortelius" maps are often dense with new information but make use of extremely skilled engraving and composition to present as a beautiful object.

This map is based on Vrients's own six-sheet map of Catalonia, which was first published in 1600. The sources for that map are currently unknown.

Detailed Condition:

Spanish text on verso (1609)