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### Persia Nova Tabula (1st Modern Map of Persia)

**Stock#:** 59464  
**Map Maker:** Gastaldi  
**Date:** 1548  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 6.5 x 5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

##### *The Earliest Obtainable Modern Map of Persia.*

Nice example of Gastaldi's map of Persia, the first modern printed map of the region.

The map shows Persia and the Caspian Sea (Mar Di Bachav) in the early years of the Safavid Dynasty, one of the most significant ruling dynasties of Persia (1501-1772) after the fall of the Sasanian Empire, following the Muslim conquest of Persia in the seventh century A.D., The Safavid Dynasty is often considered the beginning of modern Persian history.

Giacomo Gastaldi is considered as the foremost Italian cartographer of the 16th century along with Paolo Forlani. From Piedmont, Gastaldi established his reputation in Venice and was cosmographer to the Republic of Venice. Gastaldi enjoyed a productive relationship with Giovanni Ramusio, Secretary of the Venice Senate, who used Gastaldi's maps for his *Navigazioni et Viaggi*. This map is from Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy, *Ptolemeo. La Geografia...*, begun as early as 1542 and published in Venice in 1548.

#### Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling in top margin.