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Stock#: 75044
Map Maker: Ligorio & Tramezzino & Di Regibus
Date: 1558
Place: Rome
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 27 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Italian Renaissance Humanist Look Back on the Classical Age in Southern Italy. First State.

Fantastic Lafreri School map of southern Italy showing ancient and modern toponyms scattered throughout the region. This first state of the highly detailed and appealing map was engraved by Sebastiano di Re, a student of Michelangelo, and published in the offices of Michael Tramezzino in Rome in 1558.

The map extends from Rome in the north (left) down to the southern tip of Calabria, with Sicily just showing. This was the only map published in Italy in the 16th century to use the distinctive geography shown, most notable in the overly angular Puglia. Both Ortelius and De Jode would copy the map for their respective atlases, removing the historical references and starting the map slightly further south, at Naples - likely to please King Phillip of Spain by focusing on the area ruled by his family.

References to ancient Rome abound on the map, reflecting the newfound Renaissance appreciation for classical history. Leading away from the capital are the many roads of ancient Rome, including the Via Appia, the Via Latina, and the Via Tiburtina. Ancient buildings, such as Hadrian's Villa, are marked. Interspersed is a mapping of modern, younger cities.

The map is highly decorative in the Lafreri School style. Tall ships pepper the Tyrrhenian and Ionic Seas, themselves stippled. Hills bear their characteristic rounded shapes and the typography includes both roman and italic script.

Rarity

The map is very rare on the market. RBH and AMPR note only 1 example offered for sale in the past 20



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years (2004).

Detailed Condition:

Minor centerfold toning and toning at edges.