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## Genova

**Stock#:** 75060  
**Map Maker:** Duchetti / Brambilla  
**Date:** 1584  
**Place:** Rome  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21.5 x 16 inches  
**Price:** \$ 4,500.00



### Description:

#### *Genoa At The Height of Importance as A Commercial Trading Center*

Rare 16th Century Italian view of Genoa, published in Rome by Claudio Duchetti and Ambrogio Brambilla.

The view is centered on the historical harbor and docks, which were then at the height of their commercial importance as one of the world's most important trading centers. The view also highlights the dramatic topographical features of Genoa's harbor, along with the numerous aqueducts that carried water across the many small valleys. The harbor is filled with boats and large piers, a reflection of Genoa's importance as a trading site, one of the most powerful in the world in the 15th and 16th Centuries.

Genoa's massive lighthouse (Laterna di Genova) appears at the fair left, the tallest lighthouse in the world from the time of its construction in 1543 until the completion of the lighthouse on Ile Vierge in France in 1902. It is also the third oldest lighthouse in the world, replacing a prior lighthouse on the site, which dated to 12th century.

This fine large view include a compass rose eight wind directions (north is at the top, although not specifically noted.).

The legend provides a list of 58 places of interest and notable monuments, spread over ten columns.

The map is drawn from a similar view published by Antonio Lafreri in 1573. The present view adds the coat of arms of Naples.



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### **States and Rarity**

The view is known in 2 states:

- State 1: Duchetti imprint, dated 1581
- State 2: Orlandi imprint added, date changed to 1602.

The view is very rare. Bifulco locates 6 known examples in institutional collections. We note only a single example at auction in the past 50 years (Sotheby's 2000, offering the State 2 of the view).

### **Detailed Condition:**