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**[Piedmont Region, Italy and Berry Region, France] Biturigum provinciae quae Berrij :
Vulgo dicitur chorographica descriptio / Pedemontanae totius Italiae fertilissimae
Regionis unca cum suis finitimus elegantissimo descripto**

Stock#: 75339
Map Maker: de Jode
Date: 1593
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20.6 x 14.3 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

Rare Map of the Piedmont and Berry Regions

Rare old color example of Gerard De Jode's map of the Biturigum (Berry Province, France) and Piedmont Region (Italy), from his *Speculum Orbis Terrarum*, which along with Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* are the earliest modern atlases of the World.

The map at the left is centered on Bourges and Vierzon on the Yevre River and Le Cher River respectively.

The map at the right is centered on Turin and extends south to the area around Nice, Antibes and Cannes and northeast to the Italian Riviera (Liguria).

As noted by Burden:

In 1578 Gerard de Jode published his Speculum Orbis Terrarum, an atlas aimed at competing with the Theatrum of Ortelius. However, the latter had first been issued in 1570 and had already built a commanding market presence, and so despite de Jode's longer standing reputation the atlas did not sell very well. Only a dozen or so examples have survived. Undeterred, he made plans for another expanded edition, and upon his death in 1591 it was taken on by his son Cornelis. The Speculum Orbis Terrae of 1593 likewise did not sell well and was never reissued. Although more examples than the first edition have survived, it too is very



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*scarce. Many of de Jode's maps are judged to be superior to those of Ortelius, both in detail
and style.*

Detailed Condition:

Old Color