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### Bohemia

**Stock#:** 76366mp2  
**Map Maker:** Metellus  
  
**Date:** 1598  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 11 x 8 inches  
  
**Price:** \$ 750.00



#### Description:

##### ***Fine, Rare Map of Sixteenth-Century Bohemia***

Scarce, early map of Bohemia (present-day Czech Republic) from the Cologne cartographer Johannes Matalius Metellus, also known as Jean Matal.

The map is centered on "Prag" (Prague), with the Vltava River running down the center of the map. The high country of the Czech-Austrian border is shown at the bottom of the map. Parts of Moravia, Silesia, and the German Palatinates are included at the edges of the map. There is also a stylized strapwork cartouche and scale.

#### Cologne School

This work is from the so-called Cologne School of mapmaking, the members of which made a concerted, though largely unsuccessful, attempt to supplant Antwerp (and to a lesser extent Amsterdam) as a mapmaking hub in the 1590s and first decades of the seventeenth century. Cologne's role as a mapmaking center was boosted by Dutch and Flemish refugees fleeing persecution and war, just as that of Amsterdam was boosted by those leaving Spanish-controlled Antwerp after 1588.

#### Rarity

Jean Matal's works are quite rare. We have not been able to locate any previous examples of this map on the market.



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