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[Serravalle] Seravallum Celeberrimum Marchiae Tarvisiniae in Agro Foro Juliensi Opp. - Seravalli, quam vides, Spectator, iconem, operi huic nostro suis sumptib. . .

Stock#: 76598
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1588 (1593)
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Beautifully hand-colored antique engraved bird's-eye view of Serravalle in Piedmont, Italy, by Braun & Hogenberg.

The cartouche translates as:

The picture of the town of Serravalle, which you see, viewer, has been contributed to our work entirely at his own expense by Minutius, son of Hieronymus Minutius, a noble gentleman and one renowned for the far-reaching competence of his jurisdiction. We saw him sojourning in Cologne, where he was on business for Gregory XIII; while our good wishes accompany him, we should also like to accompany him on his way with this remembrance, even though it might be against his will, so that even those who have not seen him may learn of his excellence. However, those who do not yet know him will also see his excellence if God the Almighty does not summon erring souls too soon back to the eternal seat of the Blessed.

Taschen's book on Braun & Hogenberg explains the view thusly:

The view from the west into the valley shows the town of Serravalle in an idyllic setting in the Alpine foothills and surrounded by orchards. The tall bell tower of St Mary's cathedral stands out at the centre and on the west side of the marketplace is the town hall with the square bell tower next to it that is today the city's landmark. Patrician palaces with gardens at the rear line one side of the square. The loggias of the shops are on the opposite side of the main square. Serravalle's importance as an agricultural centre is emphasized by the figures in the foreground. On the left-



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hand edge of the illustration is the 8th-century stronghold of the Counts of Camino. The entire city is well protected by the spaciouly laid out city walls that extend on up the hillside, where the pilgrimage shrine of the martyred Augusta can be identified. In 1337 Serravalle fell to the Republic of Venice. In 1866 the town was united with neighbouring Ceneda to form the town of Vittorio Veneto.

Detailed Condition: