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### Isles de Saint Domingue ou Hispaniola et de la Martinique . . . 1750

**Stock#:** 94446  
**Map Maker:** de Vaugondy  
**Date:** 1750 circa  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 20.5 x 19 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

In *Isles de Saint Domingue Hispaniola, et de La Martinique*, Gilles Robert de Vaugondy, the esteemed geographer to King Louis XV, presents a richly detailed map of these Caribbean islands as they stood in 1750. The map captures not only the geographical intricacies of Hispaniola and Martinique but also the political and commercial dynamics of the region in the mid-18th century.

In the context of the 18th century, these Caribbean islands were the epicenters of European colonial activities. The detailed mapping of Hispaniola and Martinique by Vaugondy provides a comprehensive depiction of these key strategic locations, offering a revealing perspective on the broader geopolitical environment of the era. The map, punctuated with an inset of Isle de La Martinique in the upper left, illustrates the meticulous research and precision that were the hallmarks of Vaugondy's work.

The Vaugondy family, headlined by Gilles and his son Didier, were renowned for their commitment to geographical accuracy and thorough research. They built their reputation on the foundations of the inherited business from Pierre-Moullart Sanson, along with its stock of plates and a roller press. By 1760, Gilles' contribution to the field of cartography had earned him the prestigious position of geographer to King Louis XV.

Notably, the Vaugondys' work culminated in 1757 with the publication of the *Atlas Universel*, revered as an authoritative source for many years. The map *Isles de Saint Domingue Hispaniola, et de La Martinique*, offers a glimpse into the craftsmanship and scholarly rigor that established the Vaugondys as leaders in their field. It stands as an enduring testament to their contribution to the cartographic representation of



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the Caribbean region during a critical period of colonial history.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color in outline.