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Europae Tabula VI

Stock#: 94890
Map Maker: Ruscelli
Date: 1561
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: \$ 295.00



Description:

Europae Tabula VI, created by Girolamo Ruscelli in Venice, in 1561, is an exemplary rendition of Ptolemaic geography of Italy, Sicily, Corsica, and Sardinia. This detailed map captures a Ptolemaic view of Southern Europe, reflecting the Classical understanding of the region's geography.

The *Europae Tabula VI* was created during the Renaissance, a period of renewed interest in the classical knowledge and wisdom of the Greco-Roman world. Ruscelli, an Italian polymath and cartographer, embraced this classical revival, taking inspiration from Claudius Ptolemy's 2nd-century work "Geographia." Ptolemy, a Greek-Egyptian scholar of the Roman period, is widely recognized as the father of geography, and his geographic coordinate system laid the foundation for modern cartography.

The map reflects a distinctly Ptolemaic world view, featuring a precise, gridded system and displaying several place names in their Latin forms. It covers notable bodies of water such as the Tyrrhenian Sea ("Thyrrhenum Pelagus"), and the Adriatic Sea ("Sinus Hadriaticus"), as well as the islands of Corsica ("Cyrnus Quae et Corsica"). The mainland areas are meticulously divided into regional designations, like "Tuscia sive Hetruria," a reference to the historical region of Etruria in central Italy; "Latini," the people from the ancient city of Latium; "Cenomani," a Gaulish tribe; and "Insubres," another Gaulish tribe occupying the region of Insubria.

The portrayal of Italy and its neighboring islands in the *Europae Tabula VI* bears witness to the rigorous approach to cartography of its era, which was still acutely focused on the rediscovery of the knowledge of the ancients. It evokes the extensive network of trade routes, population centers, and political boundaries that defined this critical region of Europe in antiquity.



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Detailed Condition:

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