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[Siena]. Sena Urbs Hetruriae

Stock#: 95789
Map Maker: van der Aa
Date: 1713 circa
Place: Leiden
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Sena, Urbs Hetruriae, published by Pieter van der Aa in Leiden around 1713, is an attractive bird's-eye view of the illustrious city of Siena. This depiction not only portrays the city's topography but also serves as a valuable index to its historical and architectural landmarks, with a detailed reference of 110 "Notabili della Città di Siena" situated in the map's lower left corner.

Situated in the heart of Tuscany, by the 18th century, Siena was a symbol of Renaissance grandeur, and its influence in art, culture, and politics radiated well beyond its city walls. Once a rival to Florence in medieval times, the city had, by the time of this map's creation, settled into a role of historical significance, its architecture and urban planning bearing witness to the shifting tides of power, influence, and artistic patronage.

Van der Aa's representation stands as a testament to the exacting standards of 18th-century Dutch cartography, a time when the Netherlands was a global hub for mapmaking. The details, from the city's winding streets to its formidable fortifications, convey Siena's storied past and its prominent position in the annals of Italian and European history. The inclusion of an index, enumerating the notable landmarks, makes this not just a visual feast but also a guide to the city's rich architectural and historical heritage.

The map, beyond its function as a geographic representation, serves as a bridge between Siena's medieval prominence and its continued relevance in the early modern period. It encapsulates the city's enduring allure, holding within its fine lines and annotations the spirit of a city that has been, and continues to be, a nexus of cultural, artistic, and historical significance in Italy.



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