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Tierra Nova

Stock#: 44070
Map Maker: Gastaldi

Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7 x 5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Gastaldi's modern map of South America, published in Venice in 1548, one of the earliest obtainable maps of South America.

Gastaldi's map shows the South American continent, South Atlantic and part of the coast of Guinea. It includes numerous inaccuracies with the Amazon River, here called R maragnon, shown with its source in the south. There are place names along the coastlines, except in present-day Chili, which had yet to be explored by Europeans. The great Inca cities are shown in Peru. Italian text on verso.

Giacomo Gastaldi is considered as the foremost Italian cartographer of the 16th century along with Paolo Forlani. Gastaldi established his reputation in Venice and was cosmographer to the Republic of Venice. Gastaldi enjoyed a productive relationship with Giovanni Ramusio, Secretary of the Venice Senate, who used Gastaldi's maps for his *Navigationi et Viaggi*. This map is from Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy, *Ptolemeo. La Geografia…*, begun as early as 1542 and published in Venice in 1548.

Detailed Condition: