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Amerique Meridionale ... 1650

Stock#: 52208
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1650
Place: Paris
Color:
Condition: VG+
Size: 21.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest Obtainable Maps of South America and The Earliest To Appear in a French Atlas.

Nice example of the first edition of Sanson's early map of South America.

Sanson's map of South America is one of the earliest obtainable atlas maps to focus on the continent. The map shows an incomplete southwestern coast of Tierra del Fuego, with the Straits of Le Maire shown. The detail along the Rio de la Plata is well done, reflecting the information passed along by Jesuit Missionaries.

A number of early Captaincies are shown in the eastern part of Brazil. The region west of the Andes, along the Chilean Coastline is also shown in excellent detail, as is much of the northernmost portion of the continent.

Nicolas Sanson (1600-1667) sometimes called Nicolas Sanson d'Abbeville or Sanson d'Abbeville, was the most important French cartographer of the 17th century. Tooley called Sanson "the founder of the French school of cartography." He began making maps in the late 1620s, and in the 1630s he was working with Melchior Tavernier. Later, Sanson worked in concert with the print publisher Pierre Mariette, with whom he published his great atlas: *Cartes générales de toutes les parties du monde* (1658). After Sanson's death in 1667, his son Guillaume carried on the business in partnership with Alexis Hubert Jaillot. Guillaume established himself as a very important French mapmaker in his own right.

Detailed Condition:



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