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Stock#: 74150mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.5 x 6 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

Jean Matal's Map of Sixteenth-Century France

Extremely rare map of France, this example having been issued in Cologne in 1598. It was the work of Jean Matal, also known as Johannes Matalius Metellus.

The map shows the kingdom of France, with Paris prominently labeled. The most striking feature is the network of rivers that snake across the countryside. Near the stylized title cartouche is a ship in full sail.

Cologne School

This work is from the so-called Cologne School of mapmaking, the members of which made a concerted, though largely unsuccessful, attempt to supplant Antwerp (and to a lesser extent Amsterdam) as a mapmaking hub in the 1590s and first decades of the seventeenth century. Cologne's role as a mapmaking center was boosted by Dutch and Flemish refugees fleeing persecution and war, just as that of Amsterdam was boosted by those leaving Spanish-controlled Antwerp after 1588.

Rarity

We have not been able to locate any previous examples as having been on the market. Matal's work are all rarely seen and this 1598 issue of the map is especially scarce.

Detailed Condition:



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