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## Sicilia insularum omnium (ut inquit Diodorus) optima, et Mediterranei maris maxima

**Stock#:** 75550  
**Map Maker:** Lafreri  
**Date:** 1560 circa  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19.5 x 14.75 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *An Important Early Lafreri School Map of Sicily*

Rare separately published map of Sicily, based upon Giacomo Gastaldi's map of the island published in 1545.

While the details of this version's origin are somewhat mysterious, it is a very elegant interpretation of Gastaldi's work, depicting the island's mountainous topography, highlighted by the form of Mount Etna (Mongibello). The seas are filled with merchant ships and Roman triremes.

### States of the Map

- State 1: No publisher or date
- State 2: Signature Pauli Gratiani Formis Romae 1582 added at the top.
- State 3: Signature Petri de Nobilibus Formis added at the bottom left.
- State 4: Signatures erased. With new signature of Baptista Cavaleris Formis Romae 15.
- State 5: Signature of Gio. Giacomo de Rossi added

### Rarity

We note two examples at auction in the past (1998 and 2006). We believe this is the 2006 Christies example, as it was acquired with the Licinius map of Sardinia, which was also in the Christies sale lot.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Narrow margins, as is typical with Lafreri maps.