



Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

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 Cavale.ris 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.



**Barry Lawrence Ruderman
Antique Maps Inc.**

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

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

Detailed Condition:

Narrow margins, as is typical with Lafreri maps.