



A 16TH CENTURY WOODCUT MAP OF SICILY

L'Isle de Sicile. La Carte de la Bellem et Plantureuse Isle de Sicile: ladis Appellee Trinacrie, à cause de ses tres promontoires.

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Date 1575
Stock #: 25350
Publication: Paris: Nicolas Chesneau & Michel Sonnius, 1575. Woodcut. Printed area 280 x 355mm, with wide margins.
Condition: A fine example

DESCRIPTION:

A rare woodcut map of Sicily, within an ornate border printed from a separate block. On the reverse is a woodcut map of Elba, set in French letterpress.

From Belleforest's 'La Cosmographie universelle de tout le monde', which was a French translation of Sebastian Munster's 'Cosmography', although taking the maps and prospects from other sources, including Ortelius and Braun & Hogenberg. As there was only one edition, Belleforest's maps are considerably rarer than Munster's.