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A 16TH CENTURY PROSPECT OF GENOA "LA SUPERBA" £500.00

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Cartographer BELLEFOREST, François de.

Date 1575

Stock #: 25352

Publication: Paris: Nicolas Chesneau & Michel Sonnius, 1575. Woodcut set in letterpress, printed area 270 x 400mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A woodcut prospect of Genoa with a 24-point key of important buildings, including the lighthouse on the left. On the reverse is a French letterpress description of the city.

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.