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A 16TH CENTURY MAP-VIEW OF MILAN £1,500.00

La Ville et Chasteau de Milan.

Cartographer BELLEFOREST, François de.

Date 1575

Stock #: 25354

Publication: Paris: Nicolas Chesneau & Michel Sonnius,

1575. Woodcut. Sheet 365 x 500mm. **Condition:** A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A rare woodcut map of Milan, presented as a bird's-eye view, with the buildings shown in perspective. This plan was one of the biggest in Belleforest's 'La Cosmographie universelle de tout le monde', so was bound as a foldout plate.

This work was a French translation of Sebastian Munster's 'Cosmography', although it took its maps and prospects from other sources, including Ortelius and Braun & Hogenberg, as this plan. As there was only one edition, Belleforest's maps are considerably rarer than Munster's.