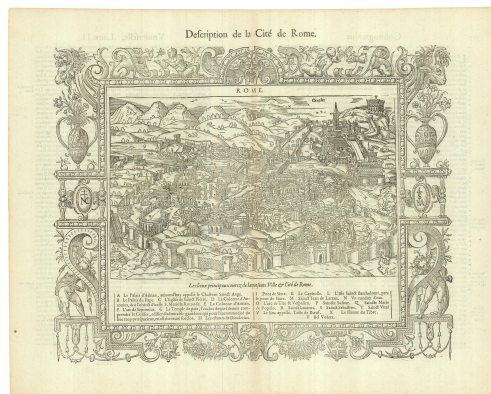




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A 16TH CENTURY PROSPECT OF ROME

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Rome. Description de la Cité de Rome.

Cartographer	BELLEFOREST, François de.
Date	1575
Stock #:	25351
Publication:	Paris: Nicolas Chesneau & Michel Sonnius, 1575. Woodcut. Printed area 295 x 355mm.
Condition:	A fine example

DESCRIPTION:

A woodcut prospect of Rome with a 22-point key of important buildings, including the Vatican and the Castel de San Angelo top right. It is printed within an ornate border printed from a separate block. On the reverse is a woodcut depiction of Romulus and Remus being suckled by the wolf, 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.