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Richard here from Mineral of the Month Club with details on our May featured mineral, adamite from the mineral rich Ojuela mine, Mapimi, Durango, Mexico.



The Ojuela mine is famous in mineral circles, not just for the wonderful adamite specimens it produces, which are the world's best, but also for the other colorful, diverse, and rare minerals produced here. The write-up has a special section on this diversity and the unique conditions that lead to the formation of so many rare and desirable crystalline minerals. We have thoroughly enjoyed examining many of these specimens, especially with our 10x loupe! If time permitted, we could write a paragraph or two on the interesting features of each piece--we would love to spend hours examining each and every one of the more than 650 specimens we currently have on hand--or better yet, invite you all out to Cambria for an adamite party! Perhaps in the future . . .

All our specimens are on an earthy reddish-brown limonite matrix, which serves as a nice contrast to the adamite crystals. As always, we have the Deluxe-size specimens available for \$22.50. These are on a matrix from about 2.5" by 1.5" up to about 3.5" by 2.5", with a sparse coverage of nice adamite crystals, as seen in the top photo. Many, but not all, of our adamite give off a greenish-yellow fluorescence under both short and longwave ultraviolet light, due to the presence of small amounts of uranium ions that were trapped in the crystals as they were forming.

Group 1 Platinum specimens are on matrix about 3" by 1.5" to 3.5" by 2.5", with a greater coverage of adamite crystals, as seen in the second photo. These are priced by size/crystal coverage, for \$30, \$45, \$55, \$60, and \$70. The specimen in the second photo is on 3" by 2" matrix, and is a \$70 specimen.

Group 2 are on larger matrix, and the matrix sits up higher on many of the larger specimens. The matrix size goes from about 4" by 3" to 4" by 4" to 5" by 4" and slightly larger. These are priced by size and also by amount of crystal coverage, for \$45, \$50, \$60, \$70, \$75, and \$85.

Bigger? Group 3, of which we have only a few, are 6" across and 4" to 5" high, for \$100 and \$150, and \$300 and \$350 for the biggest.

As always, if you could indicate a second choice, that would be appreciated; and if you wish to pass, please let me know so I know you received this Email OK.

Also, we finally have ready the Red Beryls from the Wah Wah Mountains, Utah. We made a separate list of what we have available as a PDF file, so please let me know if you want me to send you that file. We have about 16 pieces of the red beryl, and they are priced from \$150 to

well over \$1000. And we also have a beautiful clear topaz crystal in matrix from Myanmar (Burma) for \$525--if you're interested, let me know. Thanks!

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