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Richard here from Mineral of the Month Club, with info on our May featured mineral, Rhodonite from the San Martin mine, Huallanca, Ancash Department, Peru. This is one of those months when we have particularly beautiful specimens! Is it wrong to love one mineral more than another? Actually, it is the great beauty of these specimens that moves me--yes, beauty like this certainly has an emotional effect on those who appreciate them!

And of course, when we have outstanding beauty like this, as you'll see from the photos, the specimens become especially valuable. And of course when the crystal clusters tend to be small, large clusters of exceptionally colorful crystals are very valuable, and can command prices that are out of range for most collectors. Yet current economic conditions have made it possible for us to obtain gorgeous specimens in bulk at very fair prices and to pass the savings onto you! For those who prefer larger specimens, we picked out some very pretty pieces of Anhydrite, a mineral we featured in 1998, and you can find photos and prices in the May 2011 Offer Sheet, which is attached as a PDF file.

As you will see from the photos, the Rhodonite forms as thin flat crystals with pretty rose-pink to pinkish-red color. It is really the overall natural arrangement of the crystals that determines the grand beauty of the best of these pieces. And of course, specimen size is always a factor. The sizes mentioned in the photos is the size of the specimen alone, and does not include the stand it may be mounted onto.

As always, if you want a pretty but very small specimen, we have the Gold-level Rhodonite samples available for \$26.50. These are about .5" by 5" and are mounted on our AS100 Acrylic squares with the Mineral Tack we offer to best show off their beauty.

**Group 1** Rhodonite specimens are similar in quality to our Gold-level specimens, but are somewhat larger, about 1" by 1" to 1.25" by 1.25" and slightly larger for \$45.

**Group 2** Rhodonite specimens are about the same size as the Gold-level and Group 1 pieces, but have a more aesthetic crystal arrangement or larger crystals, which increases their beauty, as seen in the attached photo. They are available for \$65 for the smaller pieces (about 1" by .75" and slightly larger) and \$85 for the larger pieces, about 1" by 1" to 1.25" by 1.25" and slightly larger.

**Group 3** Rhodonite specimens go up a step in quality and price, having an even more pleasing crystal arrangement and/or slightly larger crystals, as seen in the photo. These are available for \$125 and \$160. My suggestion is to pick a price that you are comfortable with and order that price from us--you know from past experience that we will send you an excellent piece, and you will be pleased with it. Of course, you always have the option of returning it, but returns must always be wrapped as carefully as we do when sending it to you, and it must be sent back insured for the full amount in case it gets damaged in shipping.

**Group 4** Rhodonite specimens are the best we have of the smaller pieces. They are available for \$300, \$325, and \$350. We have just a few of these and they will go quickly.

**Group 5** Rhodonite specimens are the only larger matrix pieces that we have, and we have very few of these. The crystals on these are not as good as the Group 3 and Group 4 pieces, but the matrix is larger. We have matrix pieces about 2" to 3" across with good crystal coverage for \$225, \$250, and \$275. The biggest best piece we obtained in this lot is about 2.75" across and 2.5" from front to back for \$475. We also have 5 pieces that are on larger matrix with less rhodonite crystals, along with small white calcite crystals that are highly fluorescent, giving off a bright orange in shortwave ultraviolet light, and a faint orange in longwave ultraviolet light. 3 of these specimens are about 1.75" to 2" across and are available for \$225; the two larger pieces are on matrix about 3" to 4" across, and are available for \$250 and \$325.

Be sure to check out the attached Offer Sheet for some alternative or additional specimens. If you order two minerals this month from the attached Offer sheet, we'll give you 10% off on the least expensive specimen. Please let me know if you have any questions, would like to place an order, or wish to pass on this month's mineral. Thanks in advance!

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