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## New from Mali

I've added great new yellow stilbite balls in this [Mali Update \(click here\)](#). Among the nicest and most distinctive stilbites I've seen from anywhere, specimens from Diamonkara have beautiful colour and form. Perhaps not yet appreciated for what they are, the Diamonkara stilbites are striking, colourful display specimens of a mineral that is often pale and drab.

Beautiful yellow stilbite balls from Mali made their debut at Ste. Marie 2014. Although there has only been a small trickle of fine specimens since then, the deposit at Diamonkara has once again produced a number of very fine pieces. As in 2014, moderate-to-significant damage was almost ubiquitous, and high-quality specimens like the ones in this lot are

very uncommon. As a side note, although there has been a push to sell these as specimens of stellerite, none of the analytical work done to date has confirmed any stellerite identification, to my knowledge (and I am aware some analytical work has been done).

## Summer Updates

If you've been away at all during the summer (hope you had a good summer holiday!) you may have missed some of the excellent specimens that have been added on the site lately. These include erythrites from Bou Azzer, barites from Bou Nahas, elbaite tourmalines from Stak Nala, deep golden French barite crystals from Puy-de-Dôme and bournonites from Saint-Laurent-le-Minier. All are under [New Specimens \(click here\)](#).

Summer blog posts from the Ste. Marie show and the Bancroft shows are under [What's New Blog \(click here\)](#).

My usual reminder - prices on the website are in Canadian dollars, which trade at a good discount these days, if you are thinking in (or used to browsing online minerals in) US dollar terms.

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