



Rhodochrosite from Sweet Home Mine, Alma, Park County, Colorado.

This rhodochrosite specimen is known as the Alma Rose. Both the Alma Rose and the Alma King were discovered in the Rainbow Pocket of the Sweet Home Mine in 1992. The perfect rhodochrosite crystal shapes are called rhombohedra. They have crystallized with quartz needles, yellow calcite, tetrahedrite and sphalerite. Rhodochrosite is a manganese-rich carbonate.

The deep cherry-red color of these crystals indicates that the crystals are relatively free of impurities, such as iron.

Richard and Helen Rice bought the Alma Rose in 1994 at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show.

Find the Alma Rose in the Master Gallery. Color the picture. Can you find any other rhodochrosite in the Master Gallery?

Can you find a mineral that starts with the same letter as the first letter of your name?