




# Inca's Rose (Rhodochrosite) 2022 Catalog

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**Catamarca**, rhodochrosite  
producer with a worldwide  
unique reserve.





## Inca's Rose is Argentina's national gemstone

Catamarca's rare semi-precious stone, Rhodochrosite, is a pink manganese carbonate mineral.



Mina Ortiz

# About Minas Capillitas and its production

## Location

Latitude: 27° 21' South – Longitude: 66° 24' West, Andalgalá district, Catamarca, Argentina.

## Access roads

Provincial Route 47, that joins Andalgalá and Santa María.

### Distances:

\*From Andalgalá: 55 km.

\*From Santa María; 90 km.

Rhodochrosite is found in the west of Catamarca province, in the district of Andalgalá, Minas Capillitas section, on the foothills of Aconquija snowy peaks.

To the north, it shares borders with Santa María district; to the south, with the districts of Ambato and Pomán; to the west, with Belén district, and to the east, with the province of Tucumán.

The ore deposit develops over three main veins: 25 de Mayo, 9 and Ortiz.

At present, Ortiz vein is under exploitation, from the 3100 depth level. 7000 kg rhodochrosite on average are obtained per month.

At present, this is the only mine producing rhodochrosite in the whole world.



# Product Catalog

# Primera Veta Ortiz Vein

Ortiz rhodochrosite stone should be translucent and of a color similar to that of red wine.

In order that any of the varieties be considered first-class, they must not present any cracks or impurities -such as sulphides or wall rock impurities like granite or tuff-, and their white band must be narrower than 1.0 mm.

## Dimensions:

- 1/ 30 grams.
- 31/ 200 grams.
- 201/ 1500 grams.
- 1501/ 6000 grams.
- +6000 grams.



# Primera Veta 25 de Mayo Vein

First-quality stone from 25 de Mayo Vein is an intense pinkish-red and not translucent rock that, once polished, acquires astonishing shine.

In order that any of the varieties be considered first-class, they must not present any cracks or impurities -such as sulphides or wall rock impurities like granite or tuff, and their white band must be narrower than 1.0 mm.

## Dimensions:

- 1/ 30 grams.
- 31/ 200 grams.
- 201/ 1500 grams.
- 1501/ 6000 grams.
- +6000 grams.



# Capa

No matter the origin of the stone (Ortiz or 25 de mayo vein), “Capa” is the name used when the white manganese carbonate band is thicker than 2 mm, but the rest of the stone follows the requirements of first-class material. It must also be free from cracks or dark impurities.

## Dimensions:

- 50/ 1000 grams.
- 1001/ 2000 grams.
- 2001/ 6000 grams.
- +6000 grams.



# Estalactitas

They are cylindrical pieces that can have a variable diameter and length; the only condition is that it be a unitary piece. They do not have sulfide impurities or bedrock.

It can also be considered in this category those pieces that are intertwined with others.

## **Dimensions:**

- All sizes.



# Colección Todo tamaño

They are those stalactites that are united and that cannot be separated without breaking them. They can appear in thick pieces as if they were inserted into the base and have the shape of a kidney.

It is important to note that a concentric figure must always appear to be considered in this category. In these specimens, the thickness of the white stripe is not taken into account, but only its pink color.

They do not have sulfide impurities or bedrock.

## **Dimensions:**

- All sizes.



# Cristalizada

This group includes rhodochrosite crystals of different sizes.

They must be of an intense pink-red color.

The presence of white lines is optional, and thickness is unimportant. It is normally porous, showing interstices.

## **Dimensions:**

- 100/ 6000 grams.
- +6000 grams.



# Overo

Such rock whose content is 40% to 50% good-quality material, covering sulphides or wall rocks, and that, because it acquired such a unique design during mineralization, breaking it is not advised.

## Dimensions:

- 30/ 2000 grams.
- 2001/ 6000 grams.
- +6000 grams.



# Escalla Especial +16 (more than 16 mm)

Rhodochrosite rock that fits into first-class category, but its thickness is of less than one centimeter or its shape is not adequate. It can occur in small slabs.



# Escalla Especial -16 (less than 16 mm)

Rhodochrosite rock that fits into first-class category but whose thickness does not reach two centimeters. It is appropriate for crafts, charms, bracelets, etc.



# Escalla Especial -10 (less than 10 mm)

Rhodochrosite rock that fits into first-class category but whose thickness does not reach one centimeter. It is appropriate for crafts, charms, bracelets, etc.



# Escalla Común B

They are those splinters larger than 15 mm, also includes powders.

This material does contain sulfides.



# Brechosa

This variety occurs in nature with good-quality Rhodochrosite sectors mixed with 'Capillitita' and/or sulphides, also with wall rocks. The mineral shows different directions.

## Dimensions:

- All sizes.



# Capillitita

It must neither show any sulphide or wall rock impurities, nor cracks, and the white line should not be thicker than one millimeter (1 mm). It is brown and dark brown.

## Dimensions:

- All sizes.



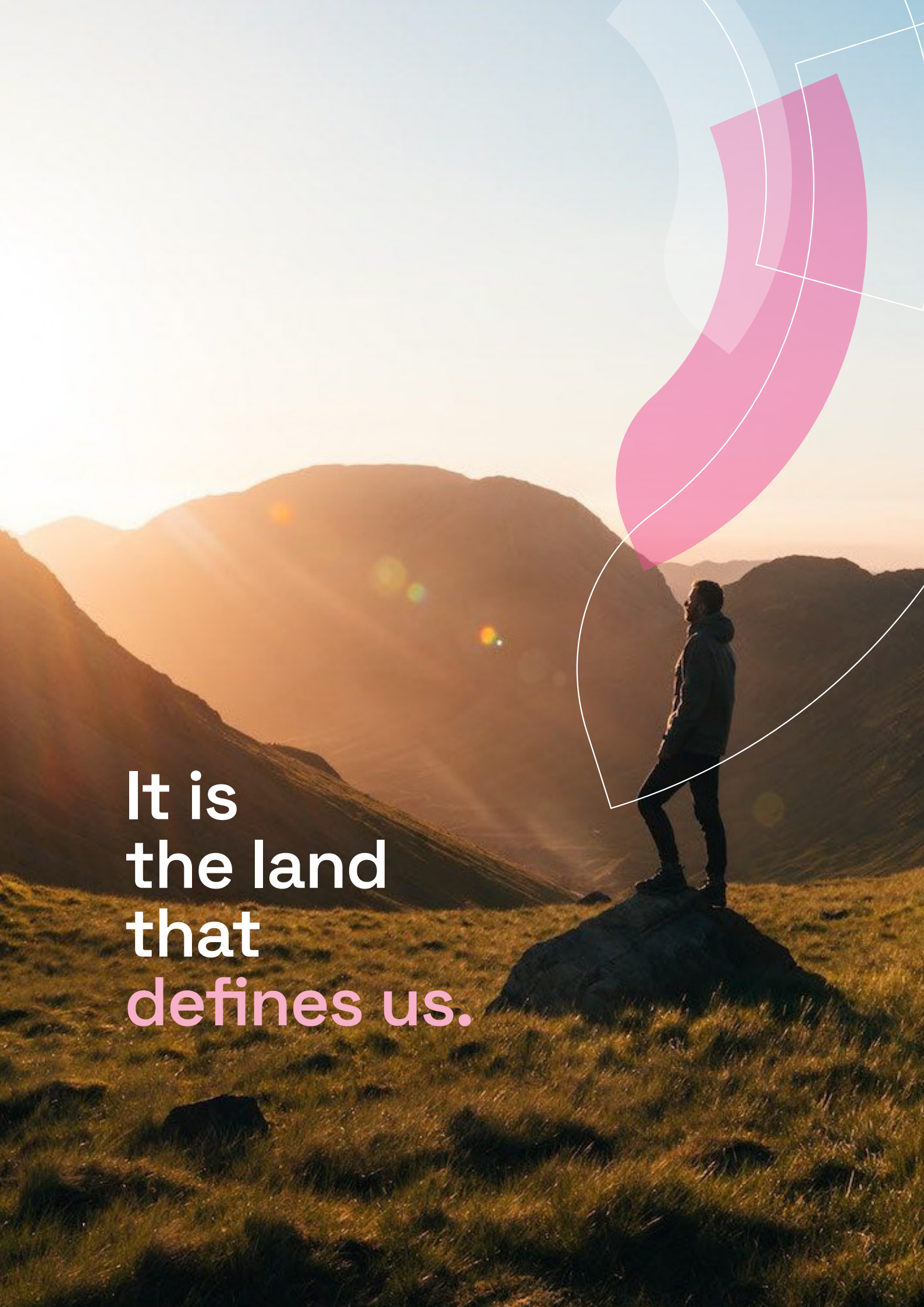
# Recuperación

Product that does not follow the color standards: either it is pale pink, or there is much white color and/or sulphides/wall rocks.

## Dimensions:

- All sizes.





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that  
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