

Spinel

I am very excited about my current supply of spinel. I recently bought many luscious stones in a variety of colors from a Ukrainian dealer I know, who travels to the mines and cuts them in his factory in Bangkok. Wow! If you don't know about this stone, you will want to learn!

Spinel has been said to offer hope and encouragement even when things are at their most dire. I have heard it gives energy and compassion to those who wear it.

Gem quality Spinel has been worn for centuries. If you visit the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London, you will find that the "Black Prince's Ruby" is in fact a red spinel.

Many customers tell me they think it has a very similar look to ruby (in red) and sapphire (in other colors). Spinel's refractive index is fairly close to sapphire; its RI is 1.712 – 1.762. It has a density of 3.54 – 3.63. It is also mined along side of ruby and sapphire. You will find most spinels mined in Myanmar/Burma, Sri Lanka, Australia, Thailand, Tanzania, and Cambodia.

This is one case where rarity and price don't go hand in hand. Spinel is more rare than the sapphire, but less expensive because there is less demand. You have to come in and see them- gorgeous!