I’ve added a new Stak Nala Update (click here) featuring beautiful elbaite tourmaline crystals with albite. This update also includes one great lepidolite crystal.

Since the 1980s, elbaite tourmaline crystals from the pegmatites at Stak Nala, in Pakistan’s Northern Areas, have been known worldwide. Particularly distinctive and prized when associated with albite crystals, these tourmalines are usually colour-zoned, with dark green to black-appearing centre sections, with zones of green, and sometimes pink, blue or colourless zones at the terminations. Often, a closer inspection with strong light or a strong reflective background is needed to fully show these zones. The doubly-terminated
elbaite crystals from Stak Nala are super examples of hemimorphism (the crystal forms present at one termination are different from those at the other termination).

I was fortunate to acquire these from a member of the family that mines them.

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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