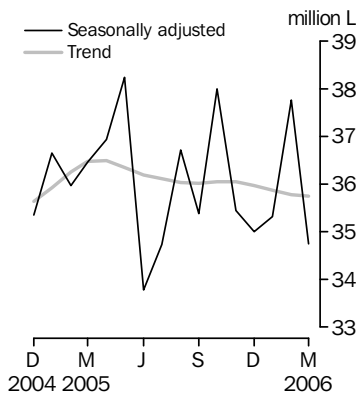


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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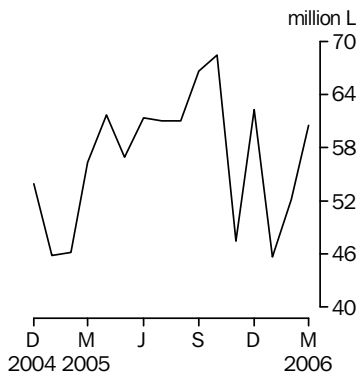
Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



Australian produced wine

Exports
Original



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KEY FIGURES

	Mar 2006	Feb 2006 to Mar 2006	Mar 2005 to Mar 2006
	'000 L	% change	% change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	35 749	-0.1	-2.0
White table wine sales	17 577	0.4	-0.4
Red and rosé table wine sales	12 668	-0.7	-4.8

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	34 754	-8.0	-4.7
White table wine sales	17 189	-6.9	-3.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	12 015	-12.0	-8.4

KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased 0.1% in March 2006.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine increased 0.4% in March 2006, following nine consecutive months of decline. The trend for red and rosé table wine decreased for the twelfth consecutive month, down 0.7% in March 2006.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 34.8 million litres in March 2006, a decrease of 8.0% on February 2006.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 6.9% on February 2006, while red and rosé table wine decreased 12.0%.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 35.6 million litres of Australian produced wine were sold domestically by winemakers in March 2006, an increase of 14.8% on February 2006, but a decrease of 2.9% on March 2005.
- Exports of Australian produced wine increased 16.1% on February 2006 to 60.5 million litres in March 2006. Australia exported 705.1 million litres with a value of \$2.8 billion in the twelve months ending March 2006, an increase of 8.0% in volume and 1.3% in value over the corresponding period to March 2005.

NOTES

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There are no changes in this issue.

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There are no data notes in this issue.

ROUNDING

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AWBC	Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation
f.o.b.	free on board
HS	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System)
L	litre
L al	litres of alcohol

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DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES TREND

TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend estimate for total sales of white table wine increased 0.4% on February 2006, but decreased 0.4% on March 2005. The trend estimate for total red and rosé wine sales decreased 0.7% on February 2006 and 4.8% on March 2005.

TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE: Trend

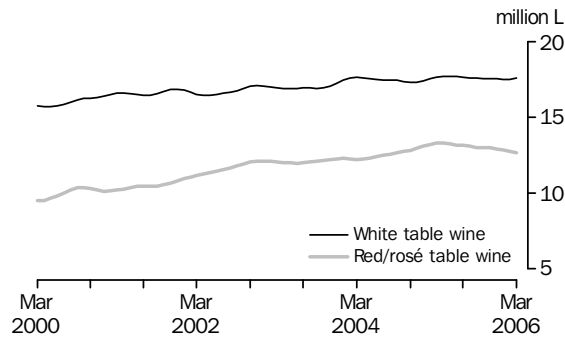


TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER LESS THAN 2 LITRES

The trend estimate for sales of white table wine in glass containers of less than 2 litres decreased 0.3% on February 2006, but increased 1.2% on March 2005. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales in glass containers of less than 2 litres decreased 1.6% on February 2006 and 7.4% on March 2005.

TABLE WINE, Glass container less than 2 litres: Trend

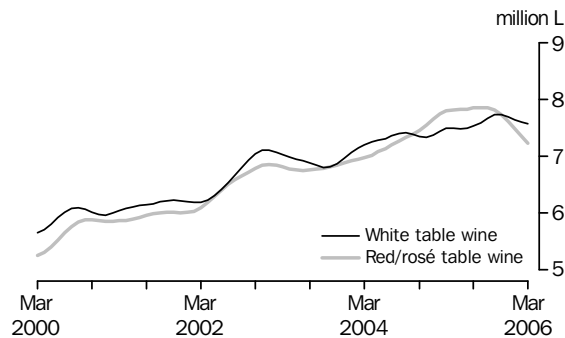
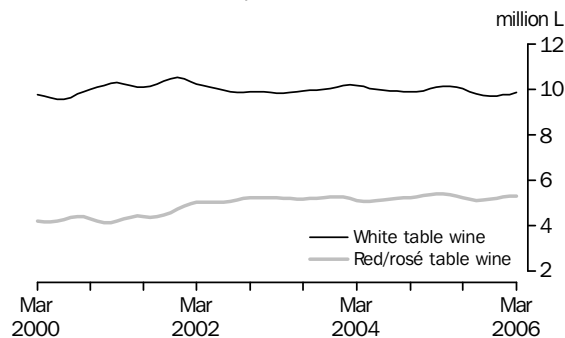


TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine in soft packs increased 0.8% on February 2006, but decreased 2.3% on March 2005. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine in soft packs increased 0.5% on February 2006, but decreased 1.8% on March 2005.

TABLE WINE, Soft pack containers: Trend

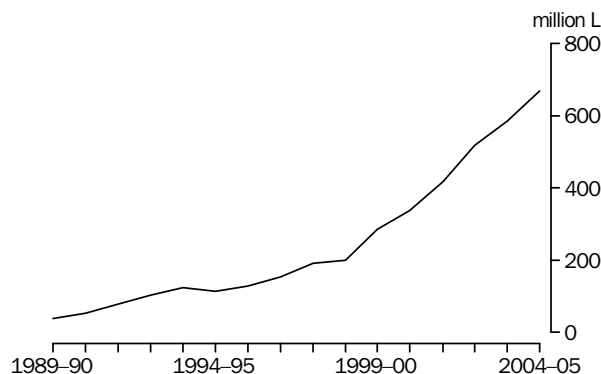


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

ANNUAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

The graph below shows that there has been steady growth in original terms in the quantity of exports of Australian produced wine over the last fifteen years. In 1989–90, 38.1 million litres of wine were exported. Exports gradually grew over the next three years to reach over 100 million litres in 1992–93. By 1998–99 exports had reached 200.9 million litres. Since then there has been rapid growth with 284.9 million litres of wine exported in 1999–2000, a 41.8% rise on 1998–99. Over the following three years there were rises of 18.7%, 23.7% and 24.0% respectively. Wine exports continued to rise in 2003–04 reaching 584.3 million litres, a 12.7% increase on 2002–03. In 2004–05 exports totalled 669.7 million litres, an increase of 14.6% on 2003–04.

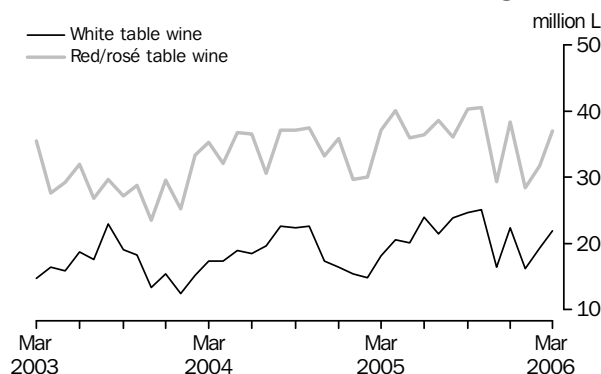
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE, Annual totals: **Original**



EXPORTS OF WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

In original terms, 60.5 million litres of Australian produced wine were exported in March 2006, an increase of 16.1% on February 2006 and 7.5% on March 2005. In March 2006, 21.9 million litres of Australian produced white table wine were exported, an increase of 13.3% on February 2006 and 20.8% on March 2005. Australia exported 37.0 million litres of Australian produced red and rosé table wine in March 2006, an increase of 16.9% on February 2006, but a decrease of 0.2% on March 2005.

EXPORTS OF TABLE WINE BY TYPE: **Original**

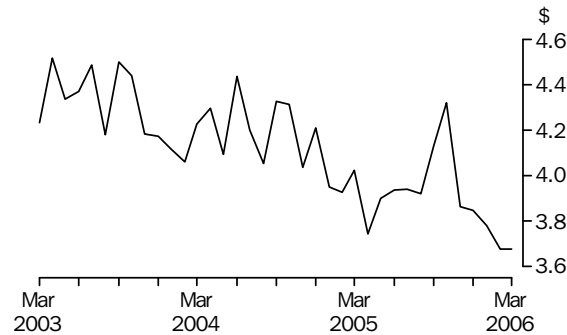


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE *continued*

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS

In original terms, 60.5 million litres of wine valued at \$222.6m were exported in March 2006, an increase of 16.1% in quantity and 16.1% in value on February 2006. The average value of Australian wine exported in March 2006 was \$3.68 per litre, down from \$4.02 per litre in March 2005, but no change from \$3.68 per litre in February 2006.

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS: Original



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABS AND AWBC WINE EXPORT FIGURES

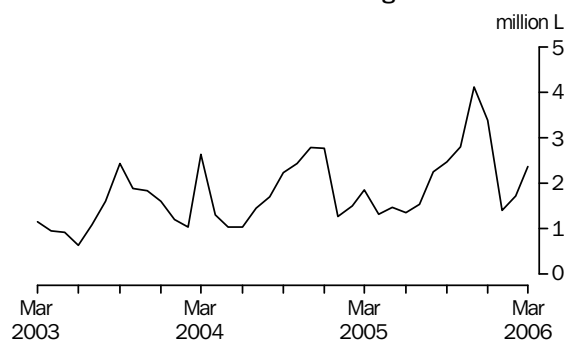
The value of wine exports reported in this publication is derived by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from customs export records and the ABS converts the value on the day of shipment, at the daily conversion rate (see paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail). The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation (AWBC) also report the value of exports and the exporter makes the conversion when submitting wine for export approval. With the AWBC method, it is expected that some of the conversions will occur at hedged rates. This does not occur with the ABS method. For March, the value reported by the ABS was \$222.6m, while the AWBC value was \$237.7m. When the Australian exchange rate is moving significantly the alternative methods will result in diverging valuations.

IMPORTS AND DISPOSALS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

In original terms, 2.4 million litres of wine, valued at \$20.3 million were imported in March 2006, an increase of 38.4% in quantity and 36.0% in value on February 2006. The average value of wine imports cleared for home consumption in March 2006 was \$8.57 per litre, up from \$7.85 per litre in March 2005.

WINE IMPORTS CLEARED: Original



DISPOSALS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND WINE AVAILABLE FOR CONSUMPTION IN AUSTRALIA

The original data for the March quarter 2006 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 1.7% on the same quarter in 2005. Domestic sales of Australian wine increased 0.8%, and wine imports increased 19.0%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 4.5% on the same quarter in 2005 with exports increasing by 6.7%.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Domestic sales of Australian produced wine (A)</i> '000 L	<i>Wine imports cleared for home consumption (B)</i> '000 L	<i>Wine available for consumption (A + B)</i> '000 L	<i>Exports of Australian produced wine (C)</i> '000 L	<i>Total disposals of Australian produced wine (A + C)</i> '000 L
2002-03	402 479	17 112	419 591	518 595	921 074
2003-04	417 378	18 737	436 115	584 319	1 001 697
2004-05	430 131	22 139	452 270	669 720	1 099 851
Mar Qtr 2005	87 766	4 609	92 375	148 361	236 127
Mar Qtr 2006	88 464	5 485	93 949	158 294	246 758

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE, By container type

Period	WHITE TABLE WINE			RED AND ROSÉ TABLE WINE			Total table wine	Total other wine	Total wine
	Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Total(b)	Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Total(b)			
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L			
ORIGINAL									
2002-03	81 678	118 893	201 631	79 752	62 788	142 835	344 465	58 010	402 479
2003-04	84 225	120 935	207 962	82 832	62 795	147 074	355 037	62 338	417 378
2004-05	89 477	118 803	209 348	91 146	63 032	155 491	364 836	65 293	430 131
2005									
March	7 778	11 400	19 262	7 407	5 173	12 660	31 921	4 706	36 627
April	7 342	9 958	17 402	7 435	5 769	13 320	30 722	5 106	35 828
May	7 100	10 884	18 032	8 951	6 113	15 109	33 141	4 810	37 951
June	6 213	7 886	14 237	8 116	4 949	13 132	27 369	4 462	31 831
July	6 885	9 874	16 829	8 811	6 252	15 132	31 961	5 042	37 003
August	7 162	10 566	17 819	8 654	6 440	15 141	32 961	5 213	38 174
September	8 104	9 703	17 917	8 679	5 514	14 284	32 201	5 794	37 995
October	8 760	9 686	18 530	8 111	5 452	13 614	32 144	7 499	39 643
November	10 815	11 575	22 502	10 105	5 733	15 950	38 452	8 004	46 456
December	9 557	9 559	19 294	8 154	4 555	12 779	32 074	8 221	40 295
2006									
January	5 017	7 199	12 318	3 744	2 794	6 570	18 887	3 048	21 936
February	6 800	9 929	16 863	5 791	4 481	10 360	27 223	3 749	30 972
March	8 033	10 755	18 977	6 605	4 970	11 676	30 653	4 903	35 556
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2005									
March	7 477	10 299	17 857	7 856	5 143	13 118	30 975	5 492	36 467
April	7 797	9 972	17 847	7 804	5 559	13 446	31 293	5 640	36 933
May	7 804	10 832	18 690	8 284	5 663	14 044	32 734	5 509	38 243
June	7 347	8 420	15 895	7 676	4 883	12 614	28 509	5 276	33 785
July	6 991	9 567	16 657	7 743	5 128	12 944	29 601	5 132	34 733
August	7 542	10 716	18 379	7 957	5 192	13 176	31 555	5 164	36 719
September	7 656	9 447	17 220	7 780	4 998	12 856	30 076	5 315	35 391
October	8 531	9 645	18 279	7 937	5 362	13 346	31 625	6 369	37 994
November	7 581	9 601	17 297	7 785	5 076	12 972	30 269	5 176	35 445
December	7 345	9 524	16 964	7 576	5 057	12 701	29 665	5 340	35 005
2006									
January	7 513	9 654	17 308	7 349	5 149	12 563	29 871	5 448	35 319
February	7 738	10 583	18 464	7 651	5 877	13 659	32 123	5 647	37 770
March	7 698	9 337	17 189	6 897	4 974	12 015	29 204	5 550	34 754
TREND									
2005									
March	7 489	10 083	17 647	7 800	5 422	13 305	30 952	5 532	36 484
April	7 494	10 132	17 705	7 814	5 413	13 297	31 002	5 484	36 486
May	7 485	10 134	17 706	7 820	5 360	13 238	30 944	5 406	36 350
June	7 489	10 086	17 672	7 829	5 294	13 174	30 846	5 346	36 192
July	7 527	10 013	17 645	7 846	5 232	13 128	30 773	5 335	36 108
August	7 589	9 898	17 597	7 850	5 167	13 072	30 669	5 372	36 041
September	7 666	9 784	17 561	7 845	5 119	13 023	30 584	5 434	36 018
October	7 726	9 712	17 550	7 812	5 126	13 004	30 554	5 494	36 048
November	7 738	9 690	17 542	7 734	5 173	12 982	30 524	5 528	36 052
December	7 694	9 708	17 522	7 616	5 221	12 922	30 444	5 528	35 972
2006									
January	7 640	9 745	17 513	7 481	5 263	12 842	30 355	5 516	35 871
February	7 602	9 773	17 512	7 344	5 296	12 752	30 264	5 513	35 777
March	7 579	9 852	17 577	7 224	5 322	12 668	30 245	5 504	35 749

(a) Soft pack containers include all collapsible packs, plastic or otherwise.

(b) Components do not add to total. The difference between the components and total is 'wine in other containers' (see Glossary).

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

<i>Period</i>	<i>Table</i>	<i>Fortified</i>	<i>Sparkling bottle fermentation(a)</i>	<i>Sparkling bulk fermentation(a)</i>	<i>Carbonated</i>	<i>Other wine products(b)</i>	<i>Vermouth</i>	<i>Brandy(c)</i>
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L al
2002-03	344 465	20 842	22 991	8 627	2 799	2 498	252	651
2003-04	355 037	21 201	21 555	13 121	3 468	2 738	255	618
2004-05	364 836	19 934	22 988	15 410	4 206	2 547	208	576
2005								
March	31 921	1 486	1 507	1 162	350	186	16	37
April	30 722	1 711	1 451	1 074	640	213	16	40
May	33 141	1 800	1 440	1 095	255	204	16	47
June	27 369	1 777	1 231	982	273	184	15	41
July	31 961	2 107	1 453	876	332	258	16	49
August	32 961	1 891	1 576	1 159	299	272	16	54
September	32 201	1 498	2 162	1 490	398	229	17	47
October	32 144	1 739	3 089	2 052	374	227	18	52
November	38 452	1 552	3 134	2 448	574	278	17	54
December	32 074	1 532	3 342	2 513	485	330	20	73
2006								
January	18 887	854	1 042	708	243	188	13	26
February	27 223	1 133	1 345	737	349	171	14	30
March	30 653	1 286	1 783	1 297	308	214	16	34

(a) Spritzig table wines are included with table wine.

(c) Quantities on which excise duty was paid.

(b) See paragraph 4 of the Explanatory Notes and Glossary.

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

	<i>Sherry in glass less than 2 litres</i>	<i>Port in glass less than 2 litres</i>	<i>Other in glass less than 2 litres (a)</i>	<i>Soft packs</i>	<i>All other containers(b)</i>	<i>Total fortified</i>
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
2002-03	2 227	4 075	320	8 856	5 369	20 842
2003-04	2 041	4 296	377	9 042	5 447	21 201
2004-05	1 879	3 932	368	8 931	4 825	19 934
2005						
March	123	259	23	713	369	1 486
April	167	304	28	789	423	1 711
May	161	341	25	837	436	1 800
June	149	336	60	826	405	1 777
July	204	424	32	951	496	2 107
August	137	439	31	884	399	1 891
September	140	301	27	641	388	1 498
October	252	345	34	607	502	1 739
November	132	364	29	719	308	1 552
December	153	410	55	608	306	1 532
2006						
January	91	151	20	389	203	854
February	103	173	16	545	295	1 133
March	109	236	27	634	279	1 286

(a) Includes muscat, madiera, tokay and white port.

(b) Includes tankers, cans and rigid containers including glass 2 litres and over.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE(a), By wine type

Period	WINE TYPE						Total wine
	White table	Red/rosé table (b)	Total table	Fortified wine	Sparkling wine	Other	
QUANTITY ('000 L)							
2002-03	193 736	312 881	506 617	3 034	7 933	1 010	518 595
2003-04	206 487	364 767	571 254	2 512	9 805	749	584 319
2004-05	233 898	420 615	654 513	2 069	12 445	693	669 720
2005							
January	15 422	29 729	45 151	168	463	79	45 861
February	14 862	29 991	44 853	172	1 092	68	46 184
March	18 107	37 134	55 241	134	834	107	56 316
April	20 496	40 041	60 536	217	906	16	61 675
May	20 079	35 930	56 009	186	651	42	56 889
June	23 982	36 376	60 357	198	727	39	61 321
July	21 471	38 553	60 023	138	817	37	61 015
August	23 825	36 054	59 880	204	900	54	61 037
September	24 618	40 273	64 891	167	1 578	28	66 663
October	25 177	40 577	65 754	151	2 524	49	68 478
November	16 442	29 297	45 739	165	1 473	80	47 458
December	22 376	38 332	60 708	231	1 274	54	62 267
2006							
January	r16 272	r28 395	r44 668	196	r683	98	r45 645
February	r19 306	r31 702	r51 007	r257	828	r40	r52 133
March	21 870	37 047	58 918	185	1 319	95	60 516
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2002-03	788 239	1 561 361	2 349 600	18 266	48 934	6 346	2 423 145
2003-04	793 900	1 628 008	2 421 908	13 665	53 346	4 740	2 493 659
2004-05	843 033	1 787 050	2 630 083	12 653	67 502	4 910	2 715 149
2005							
January	57 065	120 577	177 643	848	2 256	400	181 146
February	54 175	120 823	174 998	847	5 025	439	181 308
March	64 966	155 151	220 116	1 112	4 672	731	226 632
April	71 325	153 330	224 655	1 087	4 975	153	230 870
May	70 136	146 349	216 485	1 174	3 834	414	221 907
June	75 410	160 712	236 122	1 086	3 910	207	241 326
July	76 664	158 133	234 797	1 055	4 275	264	240 391
August	81 746	151 005	232 751	1 262	5 049	324	239 387
September	87 510	177 864	265 374	1 242	8 394	211	275 220
October	94 488	185 816	280 304	1 802	13 397	302	295 804
November	52 721	121 314	174 035	1 093	7 820	425	183 373
December	71 980	157 252	229 232	1 386	8 521	430	239 569
2006							
January	r56 664	r111 106	r167 770	758	r3 680	382	r172 590
February	r59 698	r125 548	r185 246	r1 304	r5 054	161	r191 765
March	69 510	143 443	212 954	1 370	7 537	738	222 599

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(a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

(b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(c) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF BRANDY

Period	EXPORTS (a)		IMPORTS (b)	
	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value(c)
	'000 L al	\$'000	'000 L al	\$'000
2002-03	21	172	557	9 570
2003-04	11	323	540	10 425
2004-05	18	913	519	9 054
2005				
January	5	49	35	650
February	1	154	29	496
March	—	62	32	465
April	—	27	29	507
May	1	18	31	512
June	1	140	49	744
July	5	170	37	579
August	2	56	44	966
September	1	12	55	838
October	4	113	37	794
November	r10	378	57	1 054
December	4	269	55	1 179
2006				
January	3	61	43	710
February	2	380	30	387
March	2	136	45	517

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(a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

(b) Imports cleared for home consumption. See paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, Selected countries(a)—March 2006

Country	WINE TYPE						TOTAL WINE	
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	\$'000
EXPORTS (d)								
United Kingdom	9 729	13 386	23 115	16	820	21	23 972	89 258
United States of America	4 255	8 076	12 331	60	177	—	12 568	53 975
New Zealand	1 383	1 343	2 727	8	83	28	2 846	7 646
Canada	2 420	2 468	4 888	25	23	—	4 937	17 469
Germany, Federal Republic of	431	2 151	2 582	—	—	—	2 582	5 293
Netherlands	881	1 297	2 179	21	8	—	2 208	6 311
Denmark	127	1 696	1 823	14	13	—	1 850	4 512
Ireland	404	546	951	—	3	—	954	4 383
Sweden	231	907	1 138	—	30	—	1 168	4 327
Belgium	438	765	1 202	1	7	24	1 235	2 918
Japan	197	327	524	1	61	2	588	3 710
Switzerland	12	72	84	—	—	—	84	465
France	357	377	734	—	—	—	734	1 647
Singapore	83	260	342	1	3	—	347	3 780
Norway	65	417	482	—	19	—	501	1 708
Hong Kong	69	241	309	—	2	2	314	2 009
Malaysia	39	216	255	1	3	—	259	2 490
Finland	92	187	279	—	1	—	280	839
Thailand	67	105	172	—	9	—	181	873
United Arab Emirates	115	120	235	1	11	—	247	943
Total other countries(e)	475	2 090	2 564	35	45	17	2 661	8 040
Total all countries	21 870	37 047	58 918	185	1 319	95	60 516	222 599
IMPORTS (f)								
New Zealand	1 202	75	1 277	1	1	—	1 279	11 694
Italy	51	175	225	16	122	20	384	1 757
France	79	157	236	—	175	—	411	5 679
Spain	6	38	44	3	—	—	48	174
Portugal	5	20	25	—	—	21	46	142
United Kingdom	9	—	9	—	1	—	10	78
Germany, Federal Republic of	19	2	21	—	1	11	33	211
Greece	5	11	15	—	—	3	18	38
Total other countries(e)	46	83	129	—	—	17	146	573
Total all countries	1 421	560	1 982	21	300	72	2 375	20 344

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(a) For details on the selection of countries see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(c) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

(d) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

(e) Includes other countries as detailed in *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)* (cat. no. 1269.0).

(f) Imports cleared for home consumption. See paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE(a), By region

Period	Oceania and Antarctica	Europe and the former USSR	South-East Asia	North-East Asia	Northern America	Other(b)	Total all regions	European Union(c)
QUANTITY ('000 L)								
2002-03	33 499	290 011	7 249	9 152	175 321	3 364	518 595	281 933
2003-04	28 615	322 546	9 333	12 398	207 970	3 457	584 319	313 948
2004-05	26 615	374 626	13 230	17 279	233 171	4 798	669 720	368 011
2005								
January	1 438	24 481	646	1 105	17 975	217	45 861	24 000
February	1 571	27 828	712	1 355	14 277	441	46 184	27 243
March	2 075	28 610	1 389	1 350	22 474	418	56 316	28 189
April	2 010	35 282	855	1 523	21 521	485	61 675	34 773
May	2 194	26 465	2 747	1 222	23 840	421	56 889	25 908
June	1 902	36 926	795	1 512	19 831	355	61 321	36 289
July	2 695	36 786	682	1 399	18 967	487	61 015	36 257
August	1 500	36 407	743	1 898	20 191	298	61 037	35 526
September	2 889	40 392	1 034	1 560	20 466	321	66 663	40 055
October	3 058	40 231	1 063	1 479	22 219	428	68 478	39 627
November	3 309	19 735	1 120	1 667	21 260	367	47 458	19 304
December	1 640	28 680	1 095	2 600	27 840	413	62 267	28 036
2006								
January	r1 126	25 267	599	875	r17 408	371	r45 645	24 843
February	r2 874	r31 678	r1 063	r1 755	r14 118	r644	r52 133	r31 203
March	3 011	35 957	939	1 540	17 505	1 565	60 516	35 316
VALUE (d) (\$'000)								
2002-03	107 376	1 184 324	52 246	57 470	1 007 724	14 006	2 423 145	1 141 847
2003-04	106 839	1 165 185	61 869	74 274	1 071 017	14 474	2 493 659	1 133 062
2004-05	104 390	1 316 533	74 717	93 667	1 106 231	19 611	2 715 149	1 287 727
2005								
January	4 400	89 112	4 409	6 032	76 149	1 044	181 146	87 199
February	5 785	92 813	5 156	6 894	69 028	1 632	181 308	90 393
March	7 801	93 948	6 613	8 258	108 074	1 937	226 632	92 312
April	7 920	112 579	6 815	8 424	93 252	1 880	230 870	110 401
May	8 712	91 115	5 866	6 211	108 189	1 813	221 907	88 772
June	8 037	116 334	5 163	7 321	103 086	1 385	241 326	113 602
July	10 044	124 810	4 750	8 013	90 812	1 961	240 391	121 340
August	6 414	125 828	5 378	9 617	90 609	1 541	239 387	122 433
September	10 627	142 941	6 480	8 731	104 596	1 845	275 220	140 775
October	14 244	152 319	6 670	8 614	111 312	2 645	295 804	149 187
November	14 132	64 036	7 779	9 146	86 401	1 879	183 373	62 451
December	6 844	92 299	7 316	11 543	119 674	1 892	239 569	90 232
2006								
January	r4 157	83 592	4 393	4 885	r73 726	1 837	r172 590	81 508
February	r7 615	r104 626	r6 091	r7 503	r63 345	r2 586	r191 765	r102 786
March	8 409	122 864	8 068	9 284	71 444	2 529	222 599	120 306

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(a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

(b) Includes ships' stores and other countries as detailed in *Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)* (cat. no. 1269.0).

(c) The 'European Union' is not additional to the total and is a component of the 'Europe and the former USSR' region. Includes all 25 current members of the European Union.

(d) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

IMPORTS CLEARED (a), Selected countries(b)

Period	New Zealand	Italy	France	Spain	Portugal	United Kingdom	Germany, Federal Republic of	Greece	Other	Total all countries
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
2002-03	4 929	4 844	2 728	501	463	400	368	357	2 523	17 112
2003-04	5 629	4 672	3 064	564	621	20	354	313	3 501	18 737
2004-05	9 479	4 937	3 492	684	418	31	448	285	2 364	22 139
2005										
January	584	328	151	34	21	—	34	34	79	1 264
February	665	438	230	32	23	—	22	7	83	1 500
March	905	356	234	73	60	—	66	18	133	1 845
April	607	247	247	15	21	6	41	10	133	1 326
May	695	255	196	100	23	2	48	20	131	1 469
June	545	257	352	11	33	—	27	36	94	1 355
July	553	491	255	24	42	1	25	32	108	1 531
August	1 104	527	278	77	76	2	29	27	126	2 245
September	1 419	448	322	120	26	4	50	17	56	2 463
October	1 374	629	427	10	39	7	60	10	240	2 796
November	1 951	933	690	100	71	18	39	26	294	4 121
December	r1 964	r523	489	117	185	1	19	23	63	r3 385
2006										
January	454	289	402	36	106	—	37	13	58	1 395
February	693	342	306	114	115	—	26	13	107	1 716
March	1 279	384	411	48	46	10	33	18	146	2 375

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(a) Imports cleared for home consumption. See paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) For details on the selection of countries see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory Notes.

IMPORTS CLEARED BY WINE TYPE(a)

Period	WINE TYPE						Total wine
	White table	Red/Rosé table(b)	Table wine	Fortified wine	Sparkling wine	Other wine	
QUANTITY ('000 L)							
2002-03	6 446	4 624	11 070	190	3 851	2 001	17 112
2003-04	7 703	4 114	11 817	734	4 787	1 399	18 737
2004-05	10 502	4 280	14 782	253	5 187	1 918	22 139
2005							
January	568	217	785	25	297	156	1 264
February	530	375	905	19	367	210	1 500
March	992	344	1 336	19	363	125	1 845
April	659	321	980	16	237	93	1 326
May	727	342	1 068	19	273	109	1 469
June	725	267	991	12	234	117	1 355
July	591	355	946	16	390	180	1 531
August	1 065	543	1 608	9	536	92	2 245
September	1 436	443	1 878	12	510	63	2 463
October	1 177	425	1 602	9	988	198	2 796
November	1 897	903	2 800	16	987	318	4 121
December	r1 382	r1 182	r2 563	19	644	160	r3 385
2006							
January	486	407	893	18	322	162	1 395
February	812	495	1 307	2	325	82	1 716
March	1 421	560	1 982	21	300	72	2 375
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2002-03	47 504	27 733	75 237	1 179	53 703	9 088	139 207
2003-04	50 345	29 541	79 886	2 065	64 995	5 459	152 405
2004-05	78 428	30 510	108 937	1 728	68 063	9 512	188 240
2005							
January	4 648	1 275	5 923	121	3 291	753	10 088
February	4 257	2 203	6 460	103	4 174	1 109	11 846
March	7 530	1 950	9 479	106	4 295	602	14 483
April	5 712	2 369	8 081	156	4 585	467	13 288
May	5 340	2 664	8 005	123	3 585	476	12 189
June	5 240	2 035	7 275	62	3 965	557	11 859
July	4 806	2 930	7 736	163	5 118	770	13 787
August	8 887	4 277	13 164	43	6 425	426	20 059
September	11 315	2 877	14 191	97	7 763	289	22 341
October	8 451	2 799	11 251	189	10 405	1 078	22 923
November	14 710	4 778	19 488	97	10 466	1 665	31 716
December	10 625	r4 579	r15 204	148	10 255	762	r26 369
2006							
January	4 705	2 298	7 003	129	6 236	729	14 097
February	7 700	r2 590	r10 290	21	4 318	327	r14 956
March	12 208	3 209	15 417	87	4 550	290	20 344

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(a) Imports cleared for home consumption. See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) Includes "Other table wine".

(c) See paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The information shown in this publication for the domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained directly from winemakers by means of a mail collection. The brandy sales figures shown represent quantities on which excise duty was paid, i.e. the quantity of brandy released for sale. Statistics relating to import clearances and exports are based on information provided to the Australian Customs Service by importers, exporters and their agents.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 The information on domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained from winemaking enterprises with sales of 250,000 litres or more in either of the previous two financial years. These account for approximately 94% of total wine sales. All sales data are collected on an Australia-wide basis only and state figures are therefore not available.

3 Tables 1–3 include all sales by winemakers (within the scope of the collection) with the exception of exports, sales for ships' stores, sales of imported wine and brandy and inter-winery sales, the last exclusion being necessary to avoid duplication in the published figures. From July 1998 the definition for table wine in the glass container categories changed from '1 litre and under' to 'less than 2 litres'. This series has been retained as the contribution of the over 1 litre but under 2 litres containers (such as table wine in magnum sized bottles) is believed to have been less than 1%. There is an expectation this contribution will increase in the future. This has a consequential effect for the 'other containers' category which includes glass containers 2 litres and over from July 1998 (prior to this it was glass over 1 litre). This series will also be retained.

4 From July 2000, the category 'Flavoured wine' has been changed to 'Other wine products'. This change reflects the inclusion of de-alcoholised, low and reduced alcohol wines in the category. These wine types were previously included in 'Table wine'. While it is expected that the effect on the 'Table wine' series resulting from this change will be insignificant, care should be taken in comparing 'Flavoured wine' with 'Other wine products'.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

5 Figures relating to international trade in wine and brandy are presented in tables 4–9 to provide a basis for assessing the overall wine market. ABS procedures are designed to ensure that sufficient editing is undertaken to guarantee the quality and integrity of trade statistics to at least the six-digit Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) level. After the release of monthly trade statistics, the ABS may receive a number of client requests to investigate cases of possible misreporting. Most relate to potential errors at the more detailed levels of the commodity classification. Client requests for data investigations of this type will be undertaken free of charge if data at the six-digit level of the HS are affected. Otherwise investigations will only be considered if the value of the aggregate data queried exceeds \$250,000 in each month queried, and the cost of the investigation is met by the client.

6 Imports cleared for home consumption (including re-imports, that is, goods originating in Australia that have been exported but then returned to source) comprise those goods entered for home consumption, together with goods cleared from Customs warehouses. Exports of Australian produce are defined as exports of goods, materials or articles which have been produced, manufactured or partly manufactured in Australia. Due to a change in the Customs Tariff codes implemented in July 1999 and July 2000, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

7 In order to retain stability in the time-series of data, the selection of countries for which exports and imports data has been presented has been based upon the level of annual imports or exports from the previous financial year.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

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8 The value of exports is the free on board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars. The ABS converts foreign currency f.o.b. values to Australian dollars using the exchange rate prevailing on the date of departure shown on the export manifest.

9 The value of imports is the Australian customs value. Goods are valued at the point of containerisation (in most cases) or the port of shipment, or at the customs frontier of the exporting country, whichever comes first.

10 For details of currency conversion procedures for wine export values, please refer to 2.34 and 2.35 of *International Merchandise Trade, Australia; Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2001* (cat. no. 5489.0). Goods invoiced in one of six major foreign currencies are converted to Australian dollars by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Sales in other foreign currencies are converted by the exporter to Australian dollars.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather and industrial disputes).

12 The seasonally adjusted estimates in this publication have been produced using a concurrent methodology whereby the seasonal factors are revised each month to take into account the seasonality exhibited by the latest observation. A more detailed review is conducted annually.

13 The overall degree of revision to the seasonally adjusted estimates is expected to be less on average than would be the case with annual reanalysis only. However, the nature of the seasonal adjustment process is such that the magnitude of some revisions resulting from each adjustment may be quite significant, especially towards the end of the series. For this reason additional care should be exercised when interpreting movements in seasonally adjusted data for recent months.

14 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates of wine sales have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

15 For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 5132.

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17 Another ABS publication which may be of interest is the *Australian Wine and Grape Industry* (cat. no. 1329.0). This is a statistical compendium of Australia's wine and grape industries containing information on: area of vines and production of grapes by region; wine production and grapes crushed by region; structure of the wine manufacturing industries; stocks of wine held by winemakers at 30 June; domestic wine sales; exports and imports of wine; price indexes of grapes and wine; consumption of wine and world comparisons.

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GLOSSARY

Carbonated wine	Wine which has dissolved carbon dioxide and the carbon dioxide is added artificially to the wine.
Domestic sales	All sales of Australian produced wine by winemakers within the scope of the survey whether they be wholesale or retail sales, or bulk sales to other wineries outside of the scope of the survey. Excluded are inter-winery sales, sales to ships' stores and the volume of imported wine blended with Australian wine and sold domestically.
Exports	Exports of wine to overseas ports including sales made by exporters and wine producers.
Fortified wine	Wine to which grape spirit, brandy or both has been added, thereby adding alcoholic strength and precluding further fermentation. Fortified wine must contain at least 150 millilitres/litre and not more than 200 millilitres/litre of ethanol at 20° Centigrade.
Grape spirit	Spirit obtained from the distillation of wine or by-products of winemaking or the fermented liquor of a mash of dried grapes and contains methanol in a proportion not exceeding 3 grams per litre at 20° Centigrade of the ethanol content.
Imports cleared for home consumption	Imported goods brought into the country for consumption or further processing, but excluding goods imported with the reasonable expectation of re-export within a limited time.
Other containers	All other wine packaging except glass bottles containing less than 2 litres and soft packs. Included in this category are glass containers greater than 2 litres, cans and bulk wine in tankers or other such containers.
Other wine products	Products such as flavoured wine, cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines. De-alcoholised, low and reduced alcohol wines are also included.
Soft packs	A container type including all collapsible packs whether plastic or of other material.
Sparkling	A product consisting of wine that by complete or partial fermentation of contained sugars has become surcharged with carbon dioxide.
Table wine	A product of the complete or partial fermentation of fresh grapes or products derived solely from fresh grapes.
Total other wine	Includes fortified wines such as sherry, port, muscat, maderia, tokay and white port etc., sparkling wines both bottle and bulk fermentated, carbonated wine, vermouth and other wine products such as flavoured wine, cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines, de-alcoholised and low or reduced alcohol wines.

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