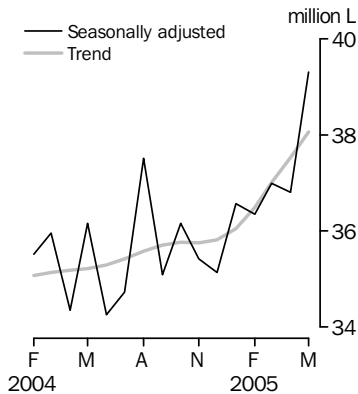


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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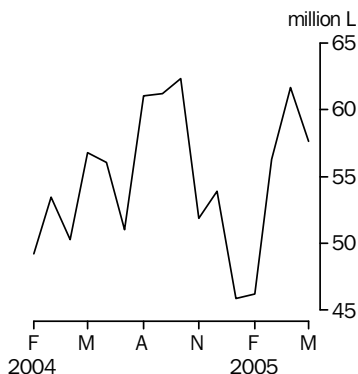
Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



Australian produced wine

Exports
Original



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KEY FIGURES

	May2005 '000 L	Apr 2005 to May 2005 % change	May 2004 to May 2005 % change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	38 073	1.4	8.1
White table wine sales	18 228	1.2	3.4
Red and rosé table wine sales	14 112	2.2	14.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	39 309	6.8	8.7
White table wine sales	18 702	5.7	5.6
Red and rosé table wine sales	15 002	11.6	14.8

KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 38.1 million litres in May 2005, an increase of 1.4% on April 2005 and 8.1% on May 2004.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine increased 1.2% on April 2005 and 3.4% on May 2004. Red and rosé table wine increased 2.2% on April 2005 and 14.5% on May 2004.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 39.3 million litres in May 2005, an increase of 6.8% on April 2005.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine increased 5.7% on April 2005, while red and rosé table wine increased 11.6% on April 2005.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 38.7 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically by winemakers in May 2005, an increase of 8.0% on April 2005 and 14.2% on May 2004.
- Exports of Australian produced wine decreased 6.5% on April 2005 to 57.7 million litres in May 2005. Australia exported 665.2 million litres with a value of \$2.7 billion in the twelve months ending May 2005, an increase of 14.8% in volume and 10.4% in value over the corresponding period to May 2004.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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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 1.2% on April 2005 and 3.4% on May 2004. The trend estimate for total red and rosé wine increased 2.2% on April 2005 and 14.5% on May 2004.

TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE: Trend

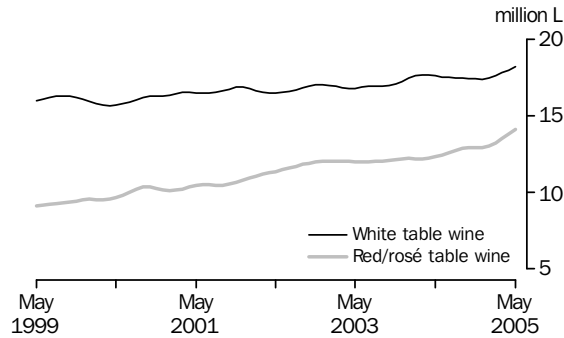


TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER LESS THAN 2 LITRES

The trend estimate for sales of white table wine in glass containers of less than 2 litres increased 1.6% on April 2005 and 6.7% on May 2004. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales in glass containers of less than 2 litres increased 1.1% on April 2005 and 14.3% on May 2004.

TABLE WINE, Glass container less than 2 litres: Trend

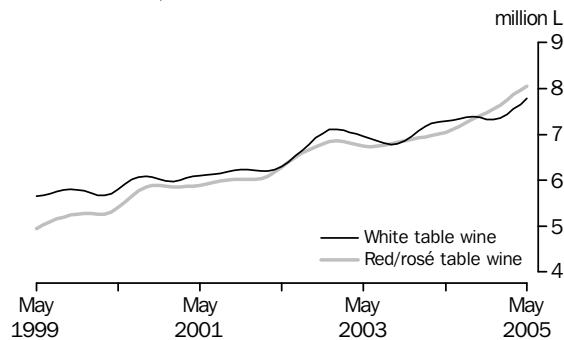
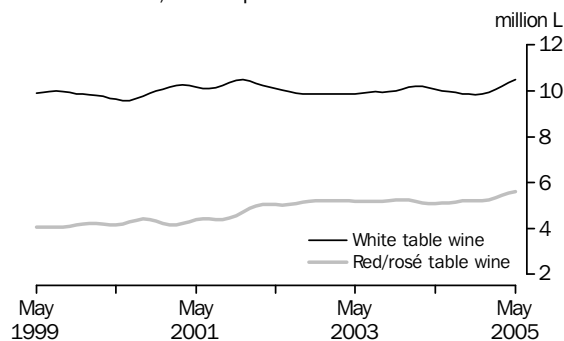


TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine in soft packs increased 1.5% on April 2005 and 4.2% on May 2004. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine in soft packs increased 1.7% on April 2005 and 10.6% on May 2004.

TABLE WINE, Soft pack containers: Trend

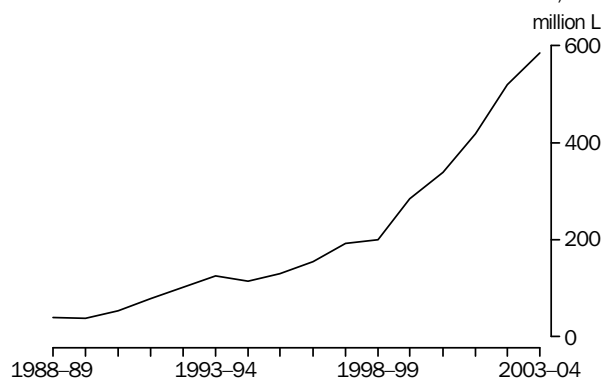


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

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 sixteen years. In 1988–89, 39.0 million litres of wine were exported. Exports gradually grew over the next four 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. In 2003–04 exports totalled 584.3 million litres, an increase of 12.7% on 2002–03.

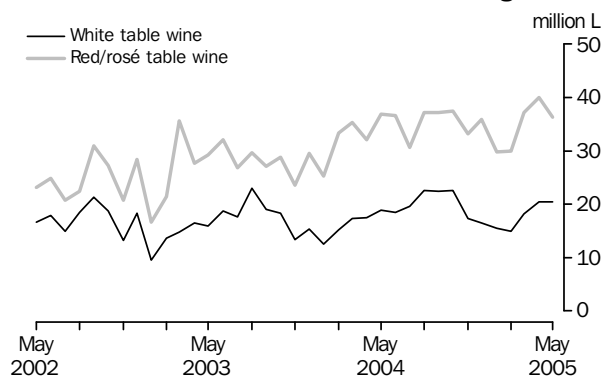
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE, Annual totals: **Original**



EXPORTS OF WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

In original terms, 57.7 million litres of Australian produced wine were exported in May 2005, a decrease of 6.5% on April 2005, but an increase of 1.5% on May 2004. In May 2005, 20.4 million litres of Australian produced white table wine were exported, a decrease of 0.4% on April 2005, but an increase of 7.7% on May 2004. Australia exported 36.4 million litres of Australian produced red and rosé table wine in May 2005, a decrease of 9.2% on April 2005 and 1.2% on May 2004.

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

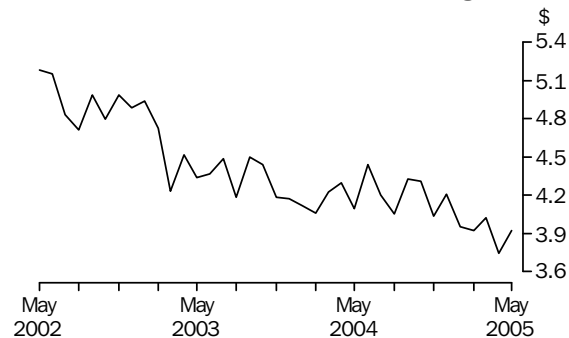


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE *continued*

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS

In original terms, 57.7 million litres of wine valued at \$226.2m were exported in May 2005, a decrease of 6.5% in quantity and 2.0% in value on April 2005. The average value of Australian wine exported in May 2005 was \$3.92 per litre, down from \$4.09 per litre in May 2004, and up from \$3.74 per litre in April 2005.

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS: Original



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABS AND AWBC WINE EXPORT FIGURES

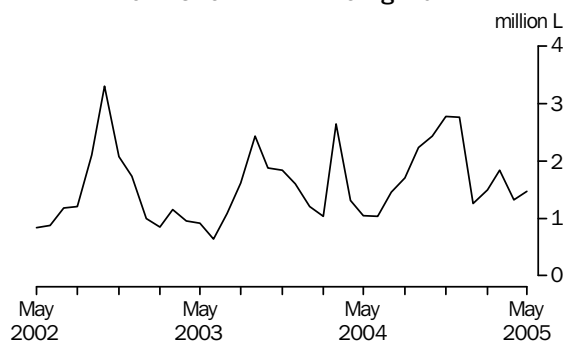
The value of wine exports reported in this publication is derived by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from customs export records and the ABS converts the value on the day of shipment, at the daily conversion rate (see paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail). The Australian Wine 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 May, the value reported by the ABS was \$226.2m, while the AWBC value was \$224.1m. 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, 1.5 million litres of wine, valued at \$12.2 million were imported in May 2005, an increase of 10.8% in quantity, but a decrease of 8.3% in value on April 2005. The average value of wine imports cleared for home consumption in May 2005 was \$8.30 per litre, down from \$9.22 per litre in May 2004.

WINE IMPORTS CLEARED: Original



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

The original data for the March quarter 2005 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 0.7% on the same quarter in 2004. Domestic sales of Australian wine increased 1.0%, but wine imports decreased 5.7%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 3.6% on the same quarter in 2004 with exports increasing by 5.1%.

<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
2001-02	386 232	14 479	400 711	418 390	804 622
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
Mar Qtr 2004	87 136	4 887	92 023	141 161	228 297
Mar Qtr 2005	88 047	4 609	92 656	r148 361	r236 408

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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									
2001-02	75 657	122 776	199 881	73 622	56 085	130 401	330 281	55 952	386 232
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									
May	6 305	9 898	16 290	7 232	5 731	13 062	29 352	4 548	33 900
June	6 435	9 177	15 801	7 851	5 471	13 451	29 252	4 550	33 803
July	7 148	10 269	17 535	8 180	6 261	14 557	32 092	5 233	37 325
August	7 241	9 362	16 923	8 216	6 339	15 330	32 254	5 219	37 473
September	7 283	10 265	17 615	7 589	5 686	13 388	31 003	5 812	36 815
October	8 285	10 893	19 248	7 995	5 601	14 352	33 600	6 778	40 379
November	10 141	10 852	21 078	9 152	5 511	14 812	35 890	7 944	43 834
December	10 122	10 329	20 798	8 589	4 637	13 448	34 246	8 344	42 590
2005									
January	4 467	7 409	11 993	3 747	3 024	6 869	18 862	2 994	21 856
February	6 357	9 296	15 723	5 769	3 969	9 748	25 470	3 885	29 355
March	7 778	11 400	19 470	7 407	5 173	12 660	32 130	4 706	36 836
April	7 342	9 958	17 407	7 435	5 769	13 325	30 732	5 106	35 838
May	7 100	10 884	18 080	8 951	6 113	15 807	33 887	4 810	38 697
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2004									
May	7 479	10 086	17 713	7 032	5 700	13 070	30 783	5 380	36 163
June	7 216	9 783	17 182	6 981	4 883	11 993	29 175	5 077	34 252
July	7 259	9 822	17 140	7 163	5 114	12 395	29 535	5 191	34 726
August	7 684	10 033	18 224	7 726	5 321	13 772	31 996	5 522	37 518
September	7 054	10 035	17 172	7 012	5 385	12 501	29 673	5 419	35 092
October	7 558	10 165	17 723	7 362	5 203	13 029	30 752	5 419	36 171
November	7 373	9 421	17 336	7 447	5 070	12 767	30 103	5 313	35 416
December	7 395	9 531	17 156	7 695	4 964	12 801	29 957	5 185	35 142
2005									
January	7 100	10 350	17 695	7 600	5 635	13 397	31 092	5 489	36 581
February	7 330	9 935	17 241	7 703	5 273	13 015	30 256	6 090	36 346
March	7 584	10 376	18 106	7 897	5 197	13 297	31 403	5 588	36 991
April	7 840	10 037	17 692	7 846	5 619	13 445	31 137	5 673	36 810
May	7 851	10 745	18 702	8 245	5 756	15 002	33 704	5 605	39 309
TREND									
2004									
May	7 290	10 071	17 630	7 046	5 084	12 327	29 957	5 256	35 213
June	7 304	10 012	17 568	7 101	5 102	12 456	30 024	5 276	35 300
July	7 339	9 958	17 518	7 177	5 128	12 608	30 126	5 305	35 431
August	7 374	9 916	17 499	7 258	5 161	12 755	30 254	5 322	35 576
September	7 387	9 876	17 483	7 336	5 201	12 878	30 361	5 340	35 701
October	7 364	9 852	17 461	7 406	5 219	12 941	30 402	5 363	35 765
November	7 328	9 839	17 422	7 470	5 213	12 934	30 356	5 404	35 760
December	7 320	9 862	17 409	7 548	5 218	12 941	30 350	5 466	35 816
2005									
January	7 355	9 938	17 469	7 645	5 259	13 039	30 508	5 541	36 049
February	7 439	10 065	17 623	7 758	5 339	13 253	30 876	5 622	36 498
March	7 547	10 209	17 815	7 864	5 433	13 520	31 335	5 681	37 016
April	7 659	10 345	18 012	7 962	5 529	13 806	31 818	5 714	37 532
May	7 781	10 496	18 228	8 052	5 621	14 112	32 340	5 733	38 073

(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
2001-02	330 281	20 384	17 686	12 000	3 123	2 454	305	701
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								
May	29 352	2 064	1 190	788	278	211	17	48
June	29 252	1 989	1 209	814	282	241	17	42
July	32 092	2 103	1 437	1 076	314	284	19	52
August	32 254	1 949	1 534	1 264	260	198	15	63
September	31 003	1 756	2 234	1 241	347	218	17	46
October	33 600	1 475	3 020	1 680	395	191	17	47
November	35 890	1 960	3 210	2 074	414	261	24	64
December	34 246	1 669	3 740	2 180	437	296	22	62
2005								
January	18 862	1 045	997	560	207	171	14	47
February	25 470	1 203	1 187	1 022	314	141	17	30
March	32 130	1 486	1 507	1 162	350	186	16	37
April	30 732	1 711	1 451	1 074	640	213	16	40
May	33 887	1 800	1 440	1 095	255	204	16	47

(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
2001-02	2 102	4 052	333	8 369	5 529	20 384
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						
May	170	432	28	951	484	2 064
June	152	361	57	961	458	1 989
July	194	412	36	967	493	2 103
August	174	441	31	848	455	1 949
September	169	342	27	758	460	1 756
October	131	293	25	655	371	1 475
November	184	449	37	848	443	1 960
December	208	390	38	641	393	1 669
2005						
January	114	172	20	507	232	1 045
February	105	193	18	542	345	1 203
March	123	259	23	713	369	1 486
April	167	304	28	789	423	1 711
May	182	326	29	837	427	1 800

(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)							
2001-02	175 741	230 465	406 205	2 698	8 048	1 438	418 390
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							
March	17 337	35 269	52 606	223	611	34	53 475
April	17 403	32 064	49 467	210	533	59	50 269
May	18 942	36 814	55 756	204	746	71	56 776
June	18 511	36 562	55 073	247	679	53	56 052
July	19 626	30 639	50 265	134	541	73	51 013
August	22 600	37 134	59 734	121	1 148	45	61 048
September	22 366	37 154	59 520	149	1 492	70	61 231
October	22 623	37 457	60 080	153	2 099	44	62 376
November	17 320	33 186	50 507	126	1 176	74	51 882
December	16 414	35 846	52 260	309	1 317	37	53 923
2005							
January	15 422	r29 729	45 151	168	463	79	45 861
February	14 862	r29 991	r44 853	172	1 092	68	r46 184
March	r18 106	r37 133	r55 239	134	834	108	r56 315
April	r20 496	r40 040	r60 535	217	r906	16	r61 674
May	20 407	36 355	56 762	186	651	54	57 653
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2001-02	737 454	1 296 820	2 034 273	16 169	49 042	5 644	2 105 128
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							
March	67 148	154 032	221 180	1 034	3 539	237	225 989
April	66 799	144 699	211 498	1 006	3 023	502	216 029
May	71 637	155 199	226 836	1 172	4 134	339	232 480
June	76 670	166 736	243 406	915	4 071	306	248 698
July	72 731	136 914	209 644	898	3 217	438	214 198
August	82 280	157 703	239 983	887	6 161	428	247 460
September	86 635	168 685	255 319	1 068	7 996	448	264 832
October	83 363	173 240	256 603	941	11 081	319	268 944
November	62 144	139 160	201 303	787	6 822	545	209 458
December	62 804	154 406	217 210	1 918	7 552	388	227 068
2005							
January	57 065	r120 577	r177 643	848	2 256	400	r181 146
February	54 175	r120 823	r174 998	847	5 025	439	r181 308
March	r64 957	r155 151	r220 108	1 112	4 672	739	r226 633
April	r71 325	r153 304	r224 629	r1 087	r4 975	153	r230 844
May	71 864	148 850	220 715	1 187	3 834	456	226 192

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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

<i>Period</i>	EXPORTS (a)		IMPORTS (b)	
	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value (c)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value (c)</i>
	'000 L al	\$'000	'000 L al	\$'000
2001-02	24	208	577	9 026
2002-03	21	172	557	9 570
2003-04	11	323	540	10 425
2004				
March	1	34	42	558
April	1	23	28	605
May	1	179	43	694
June	2	30	38	506
July	2	244	49	753
August	2	29	31	463
September	1	9	60	1 264
October	1	44	35	662
November	3	120	66	1 151
December	—	18	74	1 387
2005				
January	5	r49	35	650
February	1	154	29	496
March	—	62	32	465
April	1	r72	29	507
May	1	18	31	512

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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)—May 2005

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	7 622	9 503	17 126	67	303	—	17 495	64 440
United States of America	6 111	13 768	19 879	58	60	28	20 024	90 752
New Zealand	675	1 252	1 928	20	122	21	2 091	8 070
Canada	1 067	2 721	3 788	32	20	—	3 840	17 680
Germany, Federal Republic of	435	1 682	2 117	—	—	—	2 117	4 584
Netherlands	702	946	1 648	1	15	—	1 664	6 176
Denmark	213	1 310	1 523	1	6	—	1 530	3 801
Ireland	405	562	967	1	9	—	977	4 644
Sweden	312	349	661	1	2	—	663	2 862
Belgium	227	864	1 091	—	3	—	1 095	2 944
Japan	158	353	511	1	33	—	545	2 633
Switzerland	13	68	82	—	9	—	91	605
France	291	482	774	—	—	—	774	1 995
Singapore	1 633	788	2 421	—	3	1	2 425	3 509
Norway	49	325	375	—	8	—	383	1 243
Hong Kong	55	201	256	—	5	—	262	1 667
Malaysia	26	112	138	—	2	1	141	1 296
Finland	30	107	137	—	—	—	138	518
Thailand	34	41	75	—	—	—	76	415
United Arab Emirates	82	119	201	—	10	—	211	762
Total other countries(e)	265	800	1 064	4	40	3	1 112	5 596
Total all countries	20 407	36 355	56 762	186	651	54	57 653	226 192
IMPORTS (f)								
New Zealand	571	64	634	—	24	37	695	5 819
Italy	47	97	144	6	99	6	255	1 400
France	13	68	81	—	114	—	196	3 638
Spain	12	45	57	12	29	1	100	443
Portugal	2	8	10	—	—	13	23	79
United Kingdom	—	2	2	—	—	—	2	84
Germany, Federal Republic of	25	3	28	—	—	19	48	195
Greece	3	3	6	—	—	14	20	45
Total other countries(e)	53	52	105	1	7	18	131	487
Total all countries	727	342	1 068	19	273	109	1 469	12 191

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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)								
2001-02	27 273	260 436	6 685	9 851	111 735	2 410	418 390	253 476
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								
March	1 671	29 276	920	895	20 324	390	53 475	27 557
April	1 645	25 880	665	963	20 763	353	50 269	25 363
May	2 495	30 690	1 634	819	20 734	405	56 776	29 971
June	2 017	29 180	699	1 434	22 425	296	56 052	28 473
July	2 028	26 872	677	1 226	19 402	809	51 013	26 106
August	2 846	39 543	883	1 392	16 069	315	61 048	38 672
September	3 240	35 531	859	1 221	20 101	278	61 231	35 081
October	2 390	37 201	934	1 934	19 588	329	62 376	36 725
November	3 021	30 529	1 556	2 086	14 291	399	51 882	30 019
December	1 901	25 359	1 176	1 352	23 802	333	53 923	25 006
2005								
January	1 438	24 481	646	1 105	r17 975	217	45 861	24 000
February	r1 571	27 828	712	1 355	14 277	441	r46 184	27 243
March	2 075	r28 610	1 389	1 350	22 474	418	r56 315	r28 189
April	r2 009	r35 282	r855	r1 523	r21 521	r485	r61 674	r34 773
May	2 207	27 183	2 748	1 222	23 873	421	57 653	26 616

VALUE (d) (\$'000)								
2001-02	90 580	1 115 774	47 547	59 672	780 125	11 430	2 105 128	1 078 511
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								
March	6 285	100 302	7 676	5 556	104 545	1 625	225 989	97 233
April	6 981	90 034	5 268	5 963	106 612	1 170	216 029	87 816
May	10 735	110 083	6 613	5 617	97 836	1 596	232 480	106 540
June	8 777	109 831	5 348	8 571	114 804	1 367	248 698	106 023
July	9 727	98 702	4 969	6 371	91 885	2 544	214 198	95 206
August	11 063	145 381	6 374	7 978	75 347	1 317	247 460	141 516
September	10 725	145 222	6 038	6 881	94 611	1 355	264 832	143 345
October	8 971	140 117	7 195	9 991	101 295	1 375	268 944	138 055
November	12 569	101 172	9 142	11 312	73 402	1 862	209 458	98 678
December	8 681	90 037	6 977	7 993	111 913	1 467	227 068	88 247
2005								
January	4 400	89 112	4 409	6 032	r76 149	1 044	r181 146	87 199
February	r5 785	92 813	5 156	6 894	69 028	1 632	r181 308	90 393
March	7 801	r93 948	6 613	8 258	108 074	1 937	r226 633	r92 312
April	r7 894	r112 579	r6 815	r8 424	r93 252	r1 880	r230 844	r110 401
May	8 763	95 008	5 900	6 238	108 469	1 813	226 192	92 607

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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
2001-02	3 894	4 983	2 716	386	484	5	371	407	1 233	14 479
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										
March	558	368	171	23	32	—	24	24	1 440	2 640
April	538	303	197	31	41	1	44	34	119	1 310
May	368	240	201	21	81	3	17	14	99	1 043
June	243	321	231	44	83	5	26	11	70	1 033
July	573	447	198	55	50	9	35	31	55	1 453
August	836	423	281	13	37	—	26	16	78	1 710
September	1 166	388	395	68	41	—	47	14	112	2 233
October	945	627	367	60	41	11	20	17	353	2 441
November	902	592	330	140	26	2	32	45	714	2 783
December	1 055	580	510	84	44	1	51	39	398	2 761
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

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(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)							
2001-02	4 658	3 931	8 589	201	3 282	2 407	14 479
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							
March	1 933	362	2 295	9	243	93	2 640
April	555	374	929	29	254	97	1 310
May	410	324	735	31	211	66	1 043
June	308	299	607	10	289	127	1 033
July	616	366	982	26	303	142	1 453
August	864	334	1 198	14	360	138	1 710
September	1 069	445	1 514	30	530	159	2 233
October	1 181	419	1 600	32	700	109	2 441
November	1 340	365	1 706	20	771	286	2 783
December	1 230	486	1 716	21	750	274	2 761
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
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2001-02	33 538	24 134	57 672	1 261	43 550	13 073	115 556
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							
March	6 046	2 244	8 290	54	3 440	290	12 073
April	4 571	2 399	6 971	141	2 567	375	10 054
May	3 871	2 127	5 998	166	3 220	232	9 617
June	2 758	1 780	4 538	34	3 265	495	8 331
July	5 160	2 381	7 541	129	3 497	594	11 762
August	7 673	2 713	10 386	110	4 873	705	16 074
September	8 872	3 477	12 350	316	7 876	1 045	21 586
October	8 500	3 010	11 510	192	8 222	462	20 387
November	6 996	2 965	9 960	150	9 704	1 500	21 314
December	8 499	3 467	11 966	161	9 997	1 241	23 365
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	2 370	8 083	156	4 585	467	13 290
May	5 343	2 664	8 007	123	3 585	476	12 191

(a) Imports cleared for home consumption. See paragraph 6 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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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 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 fermented, 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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