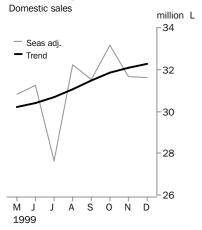
SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine



DECEMBER KEY	FIGU	RES	
TREND ESTIMATES	Dec 1999 '000 L	% change Nov 1999 to Dec 1999	% change Dec 1998 to Dec 1999
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 266	0.5	11.5
White table wine sales	16 547	0.0	4.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 745	1.0	17.0
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • •	% change	% change
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Dec 1999 '000 L	Ū	Dec 1998 to Dec 1999
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	31 615	-0.1	9.3
White table wine sales	16 457	2.7	6.2
Red and rosé table wine sales	0.500	0.0	0.5
Tion and took table will ballo	9 580	-2.0	9.5

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine has recorded growth for the seventeenth consecutive month with sales of 32.3 million litres. This is an increase of 0.5% on November 1999 and 11.5% on December 1998.
- The trend estimate for white table wine remained unchanged from last month and was 4.7% higher than December 1998.
- The trend estimate for red/rosé table wine increased by 1.0% on November 1999 and 17.0% on December 1998.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine fell by 0.1% in December to 31.6 million litres but was up 9.3% on December 1998.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine rose by 2.7% in December and has risen 6.2% since December 1998.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for red/rosé table wine fell by 2.0% on November 1999 but has increased by 9.5% since December 1998.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

■ In original terms, 41.4 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically by winemakers during December, up 7.6% on November 1999 and 13.1% on December 1998. The annual increase arose mainly from increases in red/rosé table wine (14.1%), white table wine (12.1%) and sparkling wine (11.3%).

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TABLE WINE, GLASS
CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The December trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres was up 14.1% on December 1998 and 27.4% on December 1996. Higher growth was recorded for red/rosé wine, up 22.4% on December 1998 and 62.8% on December 1996.

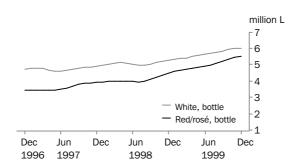
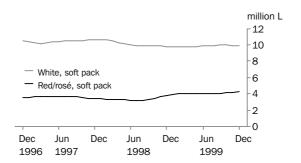


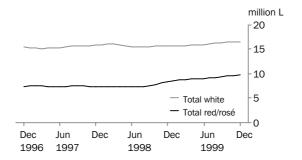
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in December for white table wines in soft packs has risen by 0.5% since December 1998, but fallen by 6.4% since December 1996. The December estimate for red/rosé table wine in soft packs increased by 12.1% on December 1998 and by 19.2% on December 1996.



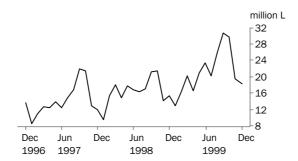
TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine has increased by 4.7% since December 1998 and by 6.7% since December 1996. The trend estimate for total red/rosé table wine has increased 17.0% since December 1998 and by 33.7% since December 1996.



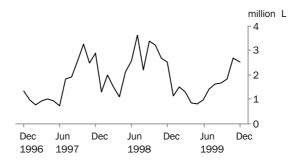
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original export data for December shows that 18.2 million litres of Australian produced wine was exported. This is down 6.6% on last month but up 19.5% on the same period last year. The average value of the wine exported this month is \$4.86 per litre down 8.6% on the \$5.32 per litre in December 1998.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for December shows that 2.5 million litres of wine was cleared for home consumption. While this volume is 1.2% lower than December 1998, the value of the wine cleared has risen 56.2% from \$11.8 million in December 1998 to \$18.4 million in December 1999.



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

Original data for the December quarter of 1999 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia rose by 9.8% on the same quarter in 1998. An increase of 11.9% in domestic sales of Australian produced wine was partly offset by a 16.9% fall in the volume of wine imported. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 18.9% over the same periodin 1998 aided by a 32.9% rise in exports.

	A	B	A + B	C	A + C
	Domestic sales	Wine imports	Wine	Exports of	Total disposals
	of Australian	cleared for	available	Australian	of Australian
	produced	home	for	produced	produced
	wine	consumption	consumption	wine	wine
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1996–1997	333 591	13 589	347 180	154 393	487 984
1997–1998	338 814	25 622	364 436	192 404	531 218
1998–1999	348 349	24 255	372 604	215 508	563 857
Dec Qtr 1998	103 177	8 476	111 653	50 881	154 058
Dec Qtr 1999	115 498	7 047	122 545	67 614	183 112



DOMESTIC SALES OF TOTAL AUSTRALIAN WINE & TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE

	TABLE-WHITE WINE					TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ WINE			
	Total wine	Glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs(b)	Other containers(c)	Total	Glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs(b)	Other containers(c)	Total
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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				ORIGINA	L				
1996-1997	333 591	55 212	126 492	3 324	185 032	41 144	41 574	1 016	83 733
1997-1998	338 814	59 352	125 269	4 888	189 512	46 746	41 295	868	88 909
1998-1999	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
1998-1999									
December	36 615	7 111	11 140	889	19 140	5 016	3 973	79	9 067
January	18 100	3 691	6 484	653	10 828	2 290	2 087	46	4 423
February	24 291	4 627	9 423	726	14 775	3 217	3 146	58	6 422
March	29 201	5 588	10 350	449	16 388	4 609	3 684	47	8 340
April	30 274	5 625	10 456	526	16 608	5 024	4 065	56	9 144
May	28 408	4 906	8 971	384	14 261	5 103	4 178	32	9 314
June	29 789	4 812	9 787	340	14 939	5 285	4 874	22	10 182
1999-2000									
July	32 459	5 660	9 871	370	15 900	6 521	5 094	37	11 652
August	30 285	5 454	9 637	409	15 500	5 507	4 557	48	10 112
September	31 728	5 801	9 973	562	16 337	5 477	4 170	41	9 689
October	35 588	6 635	10 897	528	18 060	5 667	4 201	71	9 939
November	38 501	7 549	10 838	783	19 170	6 306	4 330	194	10 831
December	41 409	8 293	12 351	806	21 451	5 522	4 744	78	10 344
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1998-1999			S	SEASONALLY AD	JUSTED				
December	28 937	5 298	0.557		15 503	4 769	2.040		8 749
January	28 799	5 317	9 557 9 672	n.a. n.a.	15 655	4 504	3 849 3 956	n.a.	8 353
February	28 799	5 192	10 014		15 682	4 554	4 121	n.a.	8 719
March	30 404	5 493	9 938	n.a.			4 029	n.a.	
April	30 081	5 560	10 068	n.a.	15 918 16 041	4 787 4 812	4 029	n.a.	8 822 8 807
•				n.a.				n.a.	
May	30 832 31 229	5 551	9 599	n.a.	15 836	5 016	4 066	n.a.	9 269
June	31 229	5 937	10 088	n.a.	16 413	5 060	4 135	n.a.	9 355
1999-2000 July	27.640	E 410	0.050		14.052	4 504	2 200		0 5 40
-	27 640	5 410	9 259	n.a.	14 953	4 591	3 809	n.a.	8 540
August September	32 219	5 770 5 993	10 383	n.a.	16 898	5 069	4 293	n.a.	9 441
September	31 524	5 883	10 033	n.a.	16 568	5 311	3 896	n.a.	9 207
October	33 155	5 964	10 455	n.a.	17 004	5 520	4 235	n.a.	9 839
November December	31 651 31 615	6 141 5 950	9 347 9 946	n.a.	16 021 16 457	5 665 5 274	4 098 4 346	n.a.	9 770 9 580
December	31 915	5 950	9 940	n.a.	10 457	5214	4 340	n.a.	9 380
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1998-1999				INCIAD EQUIM	INILO				
December	28 940	5 296	9 853	n.a.	15 801	4 520	3 772	n.a.	8 328
January	29 215	5 345	9 847	n.a.	15 801	4 623	3 918	n.a.	8 548
February	29 487	5 380	9 844	n.a.	15 784	4 700	4 018	n.a.	8 715
March	29 764	5 431	9 854	n.a.	15 796	4 758	4 075	n.a.	8 846
April	30 000	5 512	9 854	n.a.	15 841	4 808	4 090	n.a.	8 942
May	30 192	5 588	9 857	n.a.	15 916	4 851	4 075	n.a.	9 006
June	30 409	5 652	9 878	n.a.	16 019	4 914	4 052	n.a.	9 073
1999-2000	-3 .00	- 302	3 0.0				. 552	*******	2 2 7 0
July	30 696	5 716	9 911	n.a.	16 148	5 003	4 046	n.a.	9 161
August	31 057	5 781	9 957	n.a.	16 290	5 113	4 040	n.a.	9 268
September	31 471	5 856	9 987	n.a.	16 417	5 240	4 000	n.a.	9 397
October	31 838	5 933	9 98 <i>1</i> 9 984	n.a.	16 505	5 362	4 134	n.a. n.a.	9 531
November	32 090	6 000	9 958	n.a.	16 549	5 459	4 184	n.a.	9 645
December									
DECELLINE	32 266	6 043	9 901	n.a.	16 547	5 533	4 227	n.a.	9 745

⁽a) Prior to July 1998, data was collected for glass containers 1 litre and under. See Explanatory Note 3.

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

⁽c) Other containers include tankers, cans and rigid containers, including glass 2 litres and over. Prior to July 1998, data was collected for glass containers over 1 litre. See Explanatory Note 3.

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

			Sparkling bottle	Sparkling bulk				
	Table	Fortified	fermentation(a)	fermentation(a)	Carbonated(b)	Flavoured(c)	Vermouth	Brandy(d)
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L al
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1996-1997	268 766	25 629	23 370	9 182	3 431	2 183	1 026	987
1997-1998	278 422	24 574	22 310	8 759	1 641	2 145	963	974
1998-1999	287 398	23 920	20 292	12 325	1 447	2 141	824	905
1998-1999								
December	28 207	2 155	3 779	2 005	214	203	53	114
January	15 250	963	969	648	77	133	58	55
February	21 197	1 277	984	619	86	94	34	48
March	24 728	1 854	1 293	971	109	156	90	75
April	25 752	2 015	1 236	944	111	185	32	63
May	23 575	2 340	1 157	946	106	203	81	67
June	25 121	2 518	958	889	87	183	32	81
1999-2000								
July	27 552	2 396	1 269	896	n.p.	226	n.p.	69
August	25 612	2 062	1 264	860	n.p.	182	n.p.	73
September	26 025	1 781	1 870	1 559	260	171	62	74
October	27 999	1 755	2 857	2 230	430	204	114	72
November	30 000	2 083	3 169	2 515	460	235	38	40
December	31 795	2 367	3 640	2 800	537	234	37	177

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DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

	Sherry in glass less than 2 litres	Port in glass less than 2 litres	Other in glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs	All other containers(b)	Total fortified
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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1996-1997	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25 629
1997-1998	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	24 574
1998-1999	2 792	5 226	465	7 906	7 532	23 920
1998-1999						
December	269	598	41	610	636	2 155
January	140	212	17	326	270	963
February	150	208	16	481	423	1 277
March	200	327	28	622	676	1 854
April	216	430	37	749	582	2 015
May	275	510	44	833	678	2 340
June	270	504	42	857	845	2 518
1999-2000						
July	272	582	44	823	675	2 396
August	195	401	30	693	743	2 062
September	196	404	27	617	536	1 781
October	208	398	30	592	527	1 755
November	232	543	25	652	632	2 083
December	284	672	35	635	741	2 367

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

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

⁽c) Includes wine cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines.

⁽b) Prior to 1997, data for Carbonated wine includes some spritzig style wine which was mis-reported.

⁽d) Quantities on which excise duty was paid. Data before July 1997 contained brandy made from fruit other than grape.

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



IMPORTS CLEARED & EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE & BRANDY

	WINE TYPE				TOTAL WINE	<u>.</u>	BRANDY	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value (a)	Quantity	Value
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	\$'000	'000 L al	\$'000
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1996-1997	10 105	105	2 387	993	13 589	66 503	628	7 889
1997-1998	21 447	135	2 996	1 044	25 622	92 926	661	7 861
1998-1999	20 136	92	2 915	1 113	24 255	102 498	598	7 528
1998-1999								
October	2 694	3	460	79	3 236	12 779	54	694
November	1 989	10	483	209	2 691	14 068	56	763
December	2 117	4	354	74	2 549	11 752	72	1 070
January	972	5	131	40	1 148	5 790	34	421
February	1 321	6	127	37	1 491	6 902	32	412
March	1 069	2	190	49	1 310	6 337	52	608
April	536	10	187	107	840	6 012	49	553
May	543	10	150	102	805	5 609	50	622
June	647	10	195	110	962	6 499	50	617
1999-2000								
July	1 009	66	248	100	1 423	8 083	47	499
August	1 149	92	229	158	1 628	9 099	58	736
September	918	70	443	233	1 664	11 256	53	633
October	r1 162	48	r478	148	r1 835	r13 332	47	590
November	1 622	44	832	196	r2 693	r16 372	42	487
December	1 642	77	531	268	2 519	18 358	89	1 289
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1996-1997	144 892	2 490	6 046	966	154 393	603 297	17	526
1997-1998	183 024	2 505	6 110	764	192 404	873 847	26	385
1998-1999	r205 645	2 244	6 937	681	r215 508	r1 068 076	24	246
1000 1000								
1998-1999 October	20 224	206	928	49	21 408	107 181	4	31
November	13 316	211	645	32	14 205	67 323	1	11
December	14 560	151	503	54	15 268	81 157	2	15
January	12 543	88	302	22	12 954	59 886	2	10
February	r15 537	142	536	17	r16 233	r83 444	3	45
March	19 446	310	393	52	20 201	102 158	_	6
April	15 903	129	303	163	16 498	84 673	1	14
May	20 126	208	572	16	20 922	103 325	2	17
June	22 133	167	1 031	14	23 345	107 234	3	24
1999-2000								
July	19 189	153	930	93	20 364	97 916	1	37
August	r24 245	190	1 352	176	r25 962	r124 283	5	22
September	r29 218	r248	r1 294	26	r30 786	r143 735	1	9
October	r28 220	172	r1 395	45	r29 832	r139 269	2	39
November	r18 654	r260	r586	40	r19 539	r90 309	_	11
December	17 715	192	324	12	18 243	88 590	2	24
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⁽a) See Explanatory Notes 5 and 6.

⁽c) Imports cleared for home consumption, see Explanatory Note 4.

⁽b) Due to change in the Customs Tariff codes implemented in July 1996, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

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

	WINE TYPE	TOTAL WINE				
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value (c)
Country/Region	L	L	L	L	L	\$'000
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New Zealand	1 049 041	5 779	73 737	158	1 128 715	4 057
Papua New Guinea	6 116	1 097	1 616	_	8 829	51
Vanuatu	17 394	_	675	_	18 069	38
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 092 862	8 137	80 546	260	1 181 805	4 281
Belgium and Luxembourg	292 027	1 098	914	_	294 039	1 009
France	170 761	_	400	_	171 161	705
Germany, Federal Republic of	1 580 132	360	990	_	1 581 482	6 182
Netherlands	620 361	_	_	_	620 361	3 099
Sweden	566 878	9 018	_	_	575 896	1 554
United Kingdom	6 587 984	44 936	86 444	158	6 719 521	28 181
Total European Union	10 123 734	55 412	88 802	167	10 268 114	42 157
Norway	265 612	_	_	_	265 612	779
Switzerland	399 330	_	9 918	36	409 284	3 164
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	10 789 639	55 484	98 828	203	10 944 153	46 118
Israel	17 865	23	_	_	17 888	133
United Arab Emirates	15 300	_	531	_	15 831	80
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	54 501	23	1 386	_	55 910	313
Malaysia	119 911	45	13 562	90	133 607	838
Singapore	187 569	486	10 509	1 953	200 517	1 566
Total Southeast Asia (a)	422 716	16 531	25 331	2 493	467 071	2 904
Hong Kong	179 925	2 000	12 434	8 194	202 553	1 327
Japan	300 890	21 940	52 913	1 057	376 801	2 299
Total Northeast Asia (a)	607 683	23 940	84 998	9 251	725 871	4 421
Canada	732 184	33 827	19 183	_	785 193	4 895
United States of America	3 977 136	54 351	8 919	287	4 040 694	25 443
Total Northern America (a)	4 709 320	88 178	28 102	287	4 825 887	30 338
Total Other Regions (b)	37 870	180	4 689	_	42 739	214
Total All Countries	17 714 591	192 472	323 878	12 493	18 243 434	88 590

⁽a) Includes other countries as detailed in Standard Australian (b) Includes ships' stores. Classification of Countries (Cat. no. 1269.0).

⁽c) Free on board value, see Explanatory Note 5.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY REGION(a)

	Oceania & Antarctica	Europe & the Former USSR	Middle East & North Africa	Southeast Asia	Northeast Asia	Northern America	Other(b)	Total all regions
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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1996-1997	17 918	95 491	974	3 698	7 067	28 906	338	154 393
1997-1998	23 382	115 654	1 266	2 830	9 245	39 562	466	192 404
1998-1999	23 012	r133 149	858	4 298	7 664	45 939	587	r215 508
1998-1999								
October	2 230	14 021	92	348	681	4 011	24	21 408
November	3 039	6 576	26	522	674	3 292	76	14 205
December	926	9 256	39	355	549	4 114	28	15 268
January	2 131	6 889	81	203	601	2 998	52	12 954
February	1 473	r10 279	48	330	551	3 485	65	r16 233
March	1 910	12 880	137	493	490	4 267	23	20 201
April	1 107	9 987	75	322	738	4 208	60	16 498
May	1 159	13 686	89	389	691	4 842	66	20 922
June	2 252	15 193	113	369	565	4 725	129	23 345
1999-2000								
July	2 102	13 657	78	333	622	3 538	35	20 364
August	1 799	r18 988	77	390	410	4 256	42	r25 962
September	r2 722	r22 367	71	352	r620	r4 594	60	r30 786
October	r2 670	r21 348	47	r392	r592	r4 757	27	r29 832
November	r2 954	r9 335	r115	r537	r798	r5 685	116	r19 539
December	1 182	10 944	56	467	726	4 826	43	18 243
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⁽a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers. (b) Includes ships' stores.

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 the previous financial year. These account for approximately 95% 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.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

- **4** Figures relating to international trade in wine and brandy are presented in tables 4–6 to provide a basis for assessing the overall wine market. Imports cleared for home consumption 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.
- **5** 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.
- **6** 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.
- **7** For further information on the compilation of Trade Statistics refer to explanatory notes contained in *International Merchandise Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 5422.0).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

- **8** 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).
- **9** 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES continued

- **10** 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.
- **11** 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.
- **12** For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring Trends', an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

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ROUNDING

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

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- nil or rounded to zero
- L litres
- L al litres of alcohol
- n.a. not available
- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where
 - applicable)
- r figure or series revised since previous issue

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