

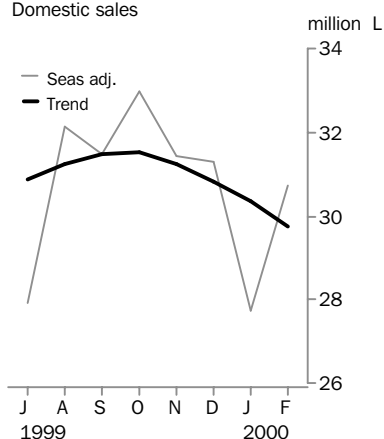


## SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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### Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



### FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

#### TREND ESTIMATES

	Feb 2000 '000 L	% change Jan 2000 to Feb 2000	% change Feb 1999 to Feb 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	29 743	-2.0	0.8
White table wine sales	15 782	-1.3	-0.3
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 661	0.1	11.0

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Feb 2000 '000 L	% change Jan 2000 to Feb 2000	% change Feb 1999 to Feb 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	30 730	10.8	5.3
White table wine sales	16 113	4.8	2.2
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 082	10.6	17.6

### FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

#### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine fell by 2.0% in February to 29.7 million litres. However, the trend estimate is 0.8% higher than February 1999.
- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased by 1.3% from the previous month and by 0.3% since February 1999.
- The trend estimate for red/rosé table wine rose by 0.1% on January 2000 and by 11.0% on February 1999.

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine rose by 10.8% in February to 30.7 million litres. This is 5.3% higher than February 1999.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine rose by 4.8% in February and by 2.2% since February 1999.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for red/rosé rose by 10.6% on January 2000 and by 17.6% since February 1999.

#### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 26.3 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically by winemakers during February, up 60.2% on January 2000 and 8.4% on February 1999. The monthly rise reflected increases in both red table wine (73.4%) and white table wine (58.7%).

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Helen Shannon on Adelaide 08 8237 7420 or Client Service in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

# NOTES

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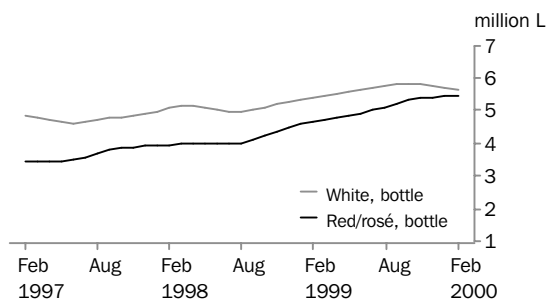


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# DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

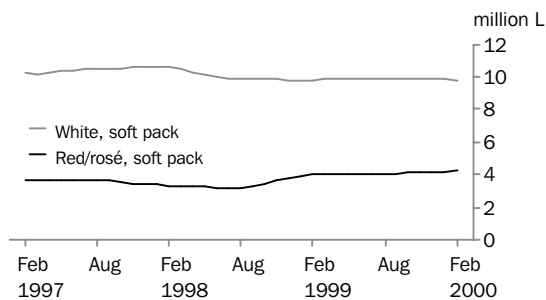
## TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The February trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres was up 4.3% on February 1999 and 16.6% on February 1997. Higher growth was recorded for the trend estimate for red/rosé table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres, up 16.6% on February 1999 and 58.3% on February 1997.



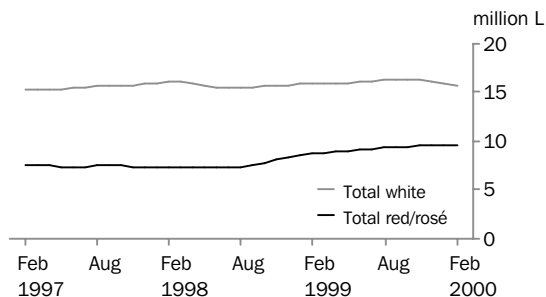
## TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in February for white table wine in soft packs has remained unchanged since February 1999 and fell by 4.2% since February 1997. The February estimate for red/rosé table wine in soft packs increased 5.4% on February 1999 and by 16.3% on February 1997.



## TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

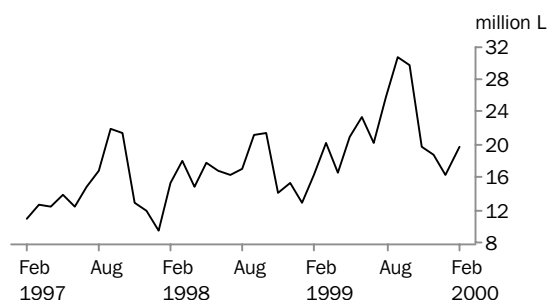
The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine has fallen 0.3% since February 1999 and by 3.1% since February 1997. The trend estimate for total red/rosé has increased by 11.0% since February 1999 and by 28.1% since February 1997.



## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

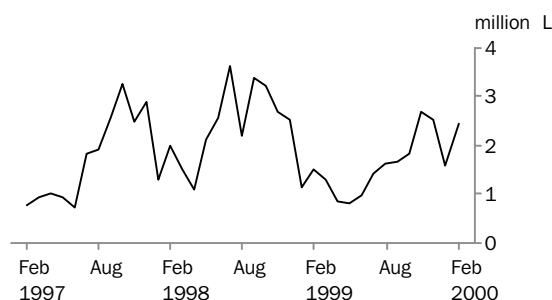
### EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for exports in February shows that 19.8 million litres of Australian produced wine was exported. This volume is up 21.7% on January 2000 and by 22.1% on February 1999. The average value of Australian produced wine exported was \$5.25 per litre up on \$5.14 per litre in February 1999.



### WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for February 2000 shows that 2.4 million litres of wine worth \$8.3 million was cleared for home consumption. This volume is up 51.8% on January 2000 and by 63.6% on February 1999. The average value of the wine cleared for home consumption in February 2000 was \$3.40 per litre down from \$4.63 per litre in February 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 9.7% on the same quarter in 1998. An increase of 11.9% in domestic sales of Australian produced wine was partly offset by a 17.0% fall in the volume of wine imported. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 19.3% over the same period in 1998 aided by a 34.3% rise in exports.

Period	A Domestic sales of Australian produced wine '000 L	B Wine imports cleared for home consumption '000 L	A + B Wine available for consumption '000 L	C Exports of Australian produced wine '000 L	A + C Total disposals of Australian produced wine '000 L
<b>1996-1997</b>	333 591	13 589	347 179	154 393	487 984
<b>1997-1998</b>	338 814	25 622	364 435	192 404	531 218
<b>1998-1999</b>	348 349	24 255	372 605	215 501	563 850
Dec Qtr 1998	103 177	8 476	111 653	50 881	154 058
Dec Qtr 1999	115 498	7 039	122 537	r 68 345	183 843

## DOMESTIC SALES OF TOTAL AUSTRALIAN WINE &amp; TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE

Period	TABLE-WHITE WINE.....				TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ WINE.....				
	Total wine '000 L	Glass less than 2 litres(a) '000 L	Soft packs(b) '000 L	Other containers(c) '000 L	Total '000 L	Glass less than 2 litres(a) '000 L	Soft packs(b) '000 L	Other containers(c) '000 L	Total '000 L
ORIGINAL									
<b>1996-1997</b>	333 591	55 212	126 492	3 324	185 032	41 144	41 574	1 016	83 733
<b>1997-1998</b>	338 814	59 352	125 269	4 888	189 512	46 746	41 295	868	88 909
<b>1998-1999</b>	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
<b>1998-1999</b>									
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
<b>1999-2000</b>									
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
January	16 444	3 481	5 935	385	9 802	2 530	1 928	47	4 505
February	26 343	5 109	10 115	327	15 551	4 224	3 552	38	7 813
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
<b>1998-1999</b>									
February	29 179	5 255	9 909	n.a.	15 760	4 504	4 030	n.a.	8 576
March	30 328	5 492	10 007	n.a.	15 934	4 796	4 034	n.a.	8 846
April	29 884	5 543	10 037	n.a.	15 986	4 780	4 114	n.a.	8 811
May	30 891	5 601	9 675	n.a.	15 976	5 061	4 092	n.a.	9 328
June	31 398	5 928	10 091	n.a.	16 424	5 043	4 128	n.a.	9 378
<b>1999-2000</b>									
July	27 940	5 447	9 220	n.a.	14 952	4 660	3 811	n.a.	8 552
August	32 124	5 739	10 340	n.a.	16 856	5 032	4 286	n.a.	9 469
September	31 480	5 852	10 087	n.a.	16 583	5 326	3 921	n.a.	9 242
October	32 971	5 901	10 431	n.a.	16 926	5 491	4 200	n.a.	9 768
November	31 427	6 091	9 310	n.a.	15 896	5 631	4 080	n.a.	9 727
December	31 264	5 859	9 964	n.a.	16 280	5 220	4 363	n.a.	9 517
January	27 740	5 277	9 545	n.a.	15 376	5 173	3 970	n.a.	9 113
February	30 730	5 744	10 312	n.a.	16 113	5 698	4 404	n.a.	10 082
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>1998-1999</b>									
February	29 494	5 414	9 850	n.a.	15 827	4 692	4 022	n.a.	8 701
March	29 800	5 467	9 864	n.a.	15 849	4 755	4 078	n.a.	8 842
April	30 060	5 543	9 864	n.a.	15 890	4 811	4 093	n.a.	8 950
May	30 269	5 607	9 866	n.a.	15 953	4 860	4 079	n.a.	9 027
June	30 492	5 660	9 883	n.a.	16 043	4 926	4 058	n.a.	9 103
<b>1999-2000</b>									
July	30 852	5 728	9 918	n.a.	16 179	5 022	4 055	n.a.	9 202
August	31 237	5 795	9 952	n.a.	16 318	5 126	4 062	n.a.	9 295
September	31 491	5 839	9 965	n.a.	16 394	5 230	4 082	n.a.	9 386
October	31 499	5 852	9 949	n.a.	16 378	5 323	4 114	n.a.	9 471
November	31 248	5 830	9 911	n.a.	16 276	5 392	4 150	n.a.	9 548
December	30 814	5 781	9 880	n.a.	16 127	5 434	4 186	n.a.	9 604
January	30 359	5 723	9 879	n.a.	15 989	5 465	4 223	n.a.	9 656
February	29 743	5 645	9 848	n.a.	15 782	5 469	4 238	n.a.	9 661

(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.

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## DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

Period	Table	Fortified	Sparkling bottle fermentation(a)	Sparkling bulk fermentation(a)	Carbonated(b)	Flavoured(c)	Vermouth	Brandy(d)
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
<b>1996-1997</b>	268 766	25 629	23 370	9 182	3 431	2 183	1 026	987
<b>1997-1998</b>	278 422	24 574	22 310	8 759	1 641	2 145	963	974
<b>1998-1999</b>	287 398	23 920	20 292	12 325	1 447	2 141	824	905
<b>1998-1999</b>								
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
<b>1999-2000</b>								
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
January	14 306	867	560	280	195	152	84	51
February	23 364	1 444	617	401	218	163	137	63

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

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

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

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

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## DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

Period	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
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
<b>1996-1997</b>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25 629
<b>1997-1998</b>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	24 574
<b>1998-1999</b>	2 792	5 226	465	7 906	7 532	23 920
<b>1998-1999</b>						
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
<b>1999-2000</b>						
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
January	116	177	14	277	282	867
February	152	224	15	525	529	1 444

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

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

## IMPORTS CLEARED &amp; EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE &amp; BRANDY

Period	WINE TYPE.....				TOTAL WINE.....		BRANDY.....	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value (a)	Quantity	Value
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	\$'000	'000 L al	'000
IMPORTS(b)(c)								
<b>1996-1997</b>	10 105	105	2 387	993	13 589	66 503	628	7 889
<b>1997-1998</b>	21 447	135	2 996	1 044	25 622	92 926	661	7 861
<b>1998-1999</b>	20 136	92	2 915	1 113	24 255	102 498	598	7 528
<b>1998-1999</b>								
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
<b>1999-2000</b>								
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	1 162	39	478	148	1 827	13 318	47	590
November	1 622	44	832	196	2 693	16 370	42	487
December	1 642	77	531	268	2 519	r18 362	89	1 289
January	1 244	50	192	122	1 607	5 979	45	540
February	1 959	39	292	149	2 439	8 295	33	588
EXPORTS(d)								
<b>1996-1997</b>	144 892	2 490	6 046	966	154 393	603 297	17	526
<b>1997-1998</b>	183 024	2 505	6 110	764	192 404	873 847	26	385
<b>1998-1999</b>	205 639	2 244	6 937	681	215 501	1 067 979	24	246
<b>1998-1999</b>								
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	15 532	142	536	17	16 226	83 346	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
<b>1999-2000</b>								
July	19 189	153	930	93	20 364	r97 915	1	37
August	24 246	190	1 352	176	25 962	124 285	5	22
September	29 218	248	1 294	26	30 786	143 734	1	9
October	28 253	172	1 396	45	r29 867	r 139 384	2	r40
November	r18 776	260	586	r41	r19 663	r90 880	—	11
December	r18 267	r 194	r 334	r20	r18 815	r91 569	2	24
January	r15 896	r83	r 252	50	r16 281	r75 377	5	32
February	19 269	268	242	39	19 819	103 970	—	5

(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 1999, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

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

## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, February 2000

Country/Region	WINE TYPE.....				TOTAL WINE.....	
	<i>Table</i>	<i>Fortified</i>	<i>Sparkling</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value (c)</i>
	L	L	L	L	L	\$'000
Fiji	46 882	90	6 219	720	53 911	217
New Zealand	877 241	13 940	42 947	21 643	955 771	3 885
Papua New Guinea	65 682	158	20	—	65 860	117
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 031 582	19 594	52 944	22 363	1 126 482	4 443
Belgium and Luxembourg	169 334	450	324	—	170 108	717
Germany, Federal Republic of	1 127 781	450	91	—	1 128 322	4 520
Ireland	407 033	—	4 950	—	411 983	2 350
Netherlands	548 289	—	—	—	548 289	2 461
Sweden	366 155	—	8 118	—	374 273	1 282
United Kingdom	7 417 765	44 113	99 556	20	7 561 452	34 088
Total European Union	10 401 934	52 069	113 075	20	10 567 096	46 858
Norway	225 327	—	1 530	—	226 857	1 090
Switzerland	125 707	—	—	—	125 707	878
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	10 752 968	52 069	114 605	20	10 919 660	48 826
Bahrain	23 777	—	3 717	—	27 494	65
United Arab Emirates	67 118	—	2 700	300	70 118	258
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	109 163	—	6 804	300	116 267	353
Malaysia	86 829	—	801	7 380	95 010	726
Singapore	133 740	2 484	1 081	1 800	139 105	1 189
Total Southeast Asia (a)	295 623	21 859	4 258	9 180	330 920	2 369
Hong Kong	119 733	72	2 385	6 741	128 931	1 030
Japan	268 636	288	1 878	295	271 097	1 786
Total Northeast Asia (a)	418 867	1 404	4 758	7 036	432 065	3 003
Canada	1 314 536	138 593	26 996	—	1 480 125	8 253
United States of America	5 298 592	34 293	28 296	112	5 361 292	36 412
Total Northern America (a)	6 613 128	172 886	55 292	112	6 841 417	44 665
Total Other Regions (b)	48 144	—	3 825	63	52 032	312
Total All Countries	19 269 473	267 811	242 485	39 074	19 818 842	103 970

(a) Includes other countries as detailed in *Standard Australian Classification of Countries* (Cat. no. 1269.0)

(b) Includes ships' stores.

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



## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY REGION(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Oceania &amp; Antarctica</i>	<i>Europe &amp; the Former USSR</i>	<i>Middle East &amp; North Africa</i>	<i>Southeast Asia</i>	<i>Northeast Asia</i>	<i>Northern America</i>	<i>Other(b)</i>	<i>Total all regions</i>
'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
<b>1996-1997</b>	17 918	95 491	974	3 698	7 067	28 906	338	<b>154 393</b>
<b>1997-1998</b>	23 382	115 654	1 266	2 830	9 245	39 562	466	<b>192 404</b>
<b>1998-1999</b>	23 012	133 143	858	4 298	7 664	45 939	587	<b>215 501</b>
<b>1998-1999</b>								
December	926	9 256	39	355	549	4 114	28	<b>15 268</b>
January	2 131	6 889	81	203	601	2 998	52	<b>12 954</b>
February	1 473	10 272	48	330	551	3 485	65	<b>16 226</b>
March	1 910	12 880	137	493	490	4 267	23	<b>20 201</b>
April	1 107	9 987	75	322	738	4 208	60	<b>16 498</b>
May	1 159	13 686	89	389	691	4 842	66	<b>20 922</b>
June	2 252	15 193	113	369	565	4 725	129	<b>23 345</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>								
July	2 102	13 657	78	333	622	3 538	35	<b>20 364</b>
August	1 799	18 988	77	390	410	4 256	42	<b>25 962</b>
September	2 722	22 367	71	352	620	4 594	60	<b>30 786</b>
October	r2 680	21 372	47	392	592	4 757	27	<b>r29 867</b>
November	r2 959	9 358	115	537	r 869	5 708	116	<b>r19 663</b>
December	r1 223	r11 322	58	r 488	740	r4 940	43	<b>r18 815</b>
January	r 920	r10 089	126	r 382	599	r4 128	37	<b>r16 281</b>
February	1 126	10 920	116	331	432	6 841	52	<b>19 819</b>

(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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