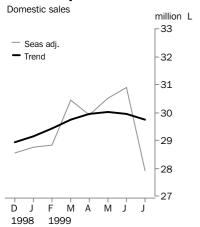
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SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine



JULY KEY FIGURES										
TREND ESTIMATES	Jul 1999 '000 L	% change Jun 1999 to Jul 1999	% change Jul 1998 to Jul 1999							
Australian produced wine	Australian produced wine									
Domestic wine sales	29 740	-0.7	6.6							
White table wine sales	15 558	-0.9	0.2							
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 051	0.3	24.6							
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Jul 1999 '000 L	% change Jun 1999 to Jul 1999	% change Jul 1998 to Jul 1999							
Australian produced wine										
Domestic wine sales	27 911	-9.7	1.2							
White table wine sales	-10.0	-2.0								
Red and rosé table wine sales 8 570 –8.6 20.1										

JULY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine fell by 0.7% in July to 29.7 million litres. However, it is 6.6% higher than the July 1988 estimate.
- The trend estimate for white table wine fell by 0.9% on June but was 0.2% higher than July 1998.
- The trend estimate for red/rosé table wine increased by 0.3% in July. This estimate is 24.6% higher than July 1998 and is due in part to a decreasing reliance on blending imported wine with Australian produced wine for the domestic market.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 27.9 million litres, down 9.7% on June but up 1.2% on July 1998.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine fell by 10.0% on June while the estimate for red/rosé table wine fell by 8.6%.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

 In original terms 32.5 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically by winemaking businesses during July, up 9.0% on June and up 2.1% on July 1998.

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NOTES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This issue contains changes to the presentation of domestic sales data.

A new table (Table 3) has been created and is titled 'Domestic Sales of Australian Fortified Wine by Winemakers'. It provides expanded detail of the 'Fortified' wine category presented in Table 2. The new Table 3 shows a breakdown of 'Sherry', 'Port' and 'Other Fortified' in 'glass containers less than 2 litres' and the total of fortified wine in the other two container types, 'soft pack' and 'all other containers'.

This data has been available as a special data service since July 1998 when the collection of fortified wine changed to categories based on container type. This change was a result of a Review of Wine Statistics conducted by the ABS Wine Statistics Unit and input received from wine industry representatives.

Due to space constraints the number of months shown for the series in Table 2 has been reduced from 15 to 13.

The other tables in the publication are unchanged, except that Tables 3 to 5 have been renumbered to Tables 4 to 6.

W. McLennan Australian Statistician TABLE WINE, GLASS
CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The July trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres rose by 13.2% on July 1998 and by 26.1% on July 1996. Sales of red/rosé table wine recorded even stronger growth at 23.9% since July 1998 and 62.4% on July 1996.

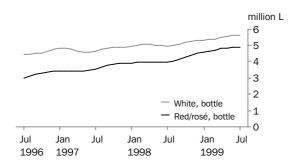
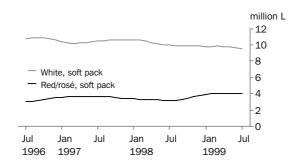


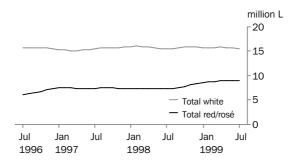
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The July trend estimate for white table wine in soft packs fell by 4.6% since July 1998 and by 11.4% since July 1996. Despite the slight decline in the trend in recent months, the July trend estimate for Australian red/rosé sales in soft packs rose by 24.6% on July 1998 and by 32.0% on July 1996.



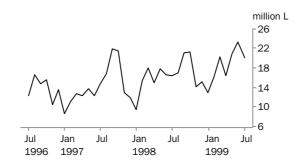
TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The July trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine has risen by 0.2% since July 1998 but fallen by 0.5% since July 1996. The trend estimate for total red/rosé table wine has increased by 24.6% since July 1998 and by 47.4% since July 1996.



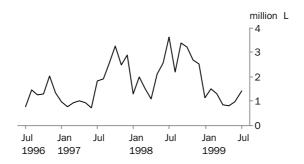
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data shows that a total of 20.1 million litres of Australian produced wine, worth \$96.5 million, was exported in July. This volume is down 13.9% on the June 1999 figure, but up 22.6% on July 1998.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for July shows that 1.4 million litres of wine was imported for home consumption. This represents a rise of 48.5% on June, but a fall of 60.6% on the figure for July 1998.



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

Original data for the June quarter 1999 shows that the wine available for consumption in Australia increased by 3.0% on the same quarter in 1998. An increase of 7.1% in the domestic sales of Australian produced wine was only partly offset by a 55.1% fall in the volume of imported wine. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 12.9% over the same period aided by a 22.6% increase 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	215 472	563 821
June Qtr 1998	82 616	5 805	88 421	49 551	132 167
June Qtr 1999	88 471	2 607	91 078	60 736	149 207



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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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									
July	31 795	5 213	10 238	627	16 078	5 572	4 385	61	10 017
August	24 820	4 101	8 946	282	13 329	4 018	3 403	48	7 469
September	28 494	4 956	10 090	485	15 532	4 182	3 678	59	7 919
October	31 975	6 366	10 422	754	17 542	4 573	3 369	98	8 040
November	34 587	6 358	11 647	885	18 890	4 824	3 722	205	8 751
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 3 1 4
June	29 789	4 812	9 787	340	14 939	5 285	4 874	22	10 182
1999-2000	23 103	4 012	9 101	340	14 939	3 203	4014	22	10 102
July	32 459	5 660	9 871	370	15 900	6 521	5 094	37	11 652
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1998-1999	07.500	4.050	0.400		45.005	4.000	2.405		7 400
July	27 590	4 956	9 488	n.a.	15 005	4 029	3 185	n.a.	7 138
August	26 887	4 217	9 913	n.a.	15 019	3 518	3 085	n.a.	6 852
September	28 868	5 170	10 540	n.a.	16 202	4 285	3 452	n.a.	7 794
October	29 700	5 880	10 068	n.a.	16 419	4 423	3 445	n.a.	7 978
November	28 802	5 180	9 888	n.a.	15 869	4 432	3 386	n.a.	7 899
December	28 541	5 203	9 531	n.a.	15 465	4 653	3 969	n.a.	8 696
January	28 743	5 292	9 705	n.a.	15 666	4 505	3 968	n.a.	8 400
February	28 816	5 188	10 009	n.a.	15 681	4 551	4 124	n.a.	8 714
March	30 455	5 510	9 914	n.a.	15 893	4 804	4 016	n.a.	8 789
April	29 899	5 556	10 035	n.a.	15 930	4 777	4 111	n.a.	8 768
May	30 504	5 518	9 543	n.a.	15 774	4 996	4 041	n.a.	9 235
June	30 905	5 783	10 021	n.a.	16 340	5 015	4 148	n.a.	9 379
1999-2000									
July	27 911	5 467	9 030	n.a.	14 702	4 690	3 801	n.a.	8 570
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1998-1999				TREND ESTIM	IAIES				
July	27 910	4 979	9 980	n.a.	15 533	3 967	3 201	n.a.	7 266
August	28 076	5 021	9 972	n.a.	15 594	4 029	3 234	n.a.	7 367
September	28 315	5 097	9 968	n.a.	15 702	4 138	3 317	n.a.	7 559
October	28 591	5 188	9 960	n.a.	15 817	4 276	3 456	n.a.	7 826
November	28 802	5 269	9 930	n.a.	15 867	4 413	3 624	n.a.	8 106
December	28 929	5 317	9 868	n.a.	15 823	4 523	3 788	n.a.	8 343
January	29 145	5 342	9 839	n.a.	15 787	4 611	3 936	n.a.	8 548
February	29 415	5 358	9 842	n.a.	15 773	4 678	4 034	n.a.	8 701
March	29 722	5 410	9 863	n.a.	15 806	4 743	4 079	n.a.	8 826
April	29 963	5 498	9 839	n.a.	15 831	4 812	4 080	n.a.	8 928
May	30 025	5 565	9 758	n.a.	15 788	4 865	4 058	n.a.	8 997
June	29 937	5 609	9 650		15 694	4 895	4 038		9 029
1999-2000	29 931	2 008	9 000	n.a.	10 094	4 090	4 022	n.a.	9 029
July	29 740	5 634	9 517	n.a.	15 558	4 916	3 988	n.a.	9 051
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⁽a) Prior to July 1998, data was collected for glass containers 1 (b) Soft pack containers include all collapsible packs, plastic or litre and under. See Explanatory Note 3.

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

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								
July	26 095	2 902	1 569	792	105	265	67	78
August	20 798	1 919	1 146	588	102	196	72	85
September	23 451	1 874	1 746	1 065	136	151	71	71
October	25 583	2 201	2 286	1 448	145	198	113	82
November	27 641	1 902	3 169	1 410	169	174	121	83
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

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

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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						
July	334	642	45	893	989	2 902
August	199	416	71	708	525	1 919
September	202	418	38	618	599	1 874
October	313	460	46	596	785	2 201
November	224	501	40	613	524	1 902
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

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

⁽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.

⁽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		BRANDY	
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value	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
1997-1998								
May	1 865	11	168	84	2 128	6 824	48	555
June	2 297	11	205	54	2 566	8 630	65	641
1998-1999								
July	3 435	17	114	63	3 629	8 499	46	551
August	1 924	8	180	85	2 197	7 676	49	610
September	2 888	9	343	158	3 398	10 575	54	607
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	4.045	40	0.40	4.40	4 400	0.000	47	100
July	1 015	19	248	148	1 429	8 093	47	499
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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	205 614	2 244	6 934	681	215 472	1 067 812	24	246
1997-1998								
May	17 343	164	321	64	17 891	92 892	_	1
June	16 070	216	386	42	16 713	79 878	2	66
1998-1999	45.040	100	400		40.074	70 500		4.0
July	15 610	198	489	77	16 374	76 509	2	10
August	16 124	226	491	102	16 942	87 513	1	13
September	20 122	208	743	85	21 158	107 674	2	49
October	20 224	206	928	49	21 408	107 181	4	31
November	13 316	211	645	32	14 205	67 323 81 157	1	11
December	14 560	151	503	54	15 268 r12 954	81 157	2	15 10
January February	r12 543 r15 532	88 142	302 536	22 17	r12 954 r16 226	r59 886 r83 345	2 3	10 45
March	19 446	310	393	52	20 201	102 156	_	45 6
April	19 446 15 910	130	393 304	163	16 506	r84 725	1	14
May	r20 119	208	r 571	r163	r20 914	r 103 272	2	14 17
June	r22 107	167	r1 027	14	r23 316	r 107 070	3	24
1999-2000	122 101	101	11 021	14	123 310	1 101 010	3	24
July	18 919	153	917	93	20 082	96 495	1	37
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⁽a) Due to change in the Customs Tariff codes implemented in July 1996, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

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

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

	WINE TYPE		TOTAL WINE			
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value
Country/Region	L	L	L	L	L	\$'000
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Fiji	62 625	813	18 225	333	81 996	455
New Zealand	1 660 327	22 810	63 163	12 726	1 759 025	5 764
Papua New Guinea	137 767	2 329	1 206	5 530	146 832	239
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 924 406	27 018	88 786	28 097	2 068 306	6 712
Denmark	231 358	_	4 050	_	235 408	989
Germany, Federal Republic of	849 044	_	_	_	849 044	3 580
Ireland	314 406	_	17 753	_	332 159	1 852
Netherlands	345 659	_	900	_	346 559	1 392
Sweden	268 776	225	8 208	_	277 209	1 139
United Kingdom	9 781 836	50 678	657 102	49 006	10 538 622	45 869
Total European Union	12 164 083	50 903	690 196	49 006	12 954 188	56 321
Norway	328 353	_	_	_	328 353	1 034
Switzerland	154 832	1 350	7 650	_	163 832	1 190
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	12 647 268	52 253	697 846	49 006	13 446 372	58 545
Oman	19 376	_	414	_	19 790	26
United Arab Emirates	44 278	400	3 735	750	49 163	165
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	73 036	400	4 149	750	78 335	234
Malaysia	56 463	225	2 591	540	59 818	357
Singapore	162 338	280	9 061	833	172 512	1 440
Total Southeast Asia (a)	289 671	21 405	15 207	1 373	327 656	2 192
Hong Kong	97 996	75	4 464	75	102 610	804
Japan	448 094	279	10 458	4 131	462 962	1 851
Total Northeast Asia (a)	594 143	390	15 669	4 206	614 408	2 941
Canada	658 970	23 420	27 576	_	709 965	4 048
United States of America	2 696 712	27 641	67 536	9 900	2 801 788	21 616
Total Northern America (a)	3 356 131	51 060	95 202	9 900	3 512 293	25 673
Total Other Regions (b)	34 608	_	_	_	34 608	198
Total All Countries	18 919 263	152 526	916 858	93 332	20 081 978	96 495

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

⁽b) Includes ships' stores.

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	133 132	858	4 298	7 649	45 935	587	215 472
1997-1998								
May	1 269	11 606	293	251	1 088	3 346	39	17 891
June	1 448	10 378	74	227	799	3 749	38	16 713
1998-1999								
July	2 236	9 622	93	186	712	3 511	14	16 374
August	2 276	11 247	58	398	573	2 364	24	16 942
September	2 271	13 514	6	382	839	4 120	26	21 158
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	r2 998	52	r12 954
February	r1 473	10 272	48	330	551	3 485	65	r16 226
March	1 910	12 880	137	493	490	4 267	23	20 201
April	1 107	r9 995	75	322	738	4 208	60	16 506
May	r1 159	r13 678	r89	389	r 691	4 842	66	r20 914
June	r2 252	r15 182	r 113	r 369	r 550	r4 721	129	r23 316
1999-2000								
July	2 068	13 446	78	328	614	3 512	35	20 082

⁽a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers. (b) Includes ships' stores.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

- **5** 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).
- **6** 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.
- 7 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES continued

- **8** 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.
- **9** 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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13 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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