

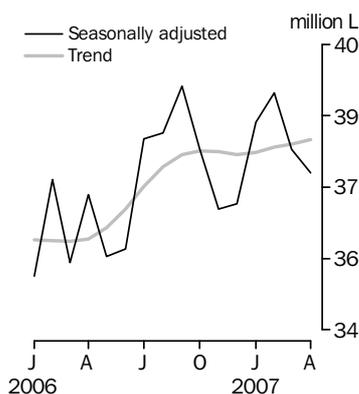
SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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KEY FIGURES

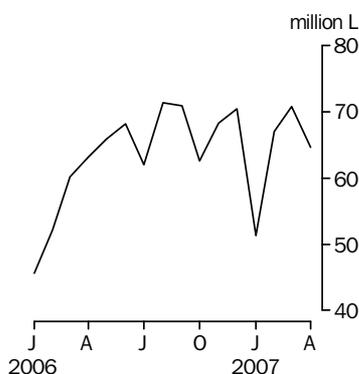
Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



Australian produced wine

Exports
Original



Apr 2007	Mar 2007 to Apr 2007	Apr 2006 to Apr 2007
'000 L	% change	% change

TREND ESTIMATES

Australian produced wine

Domestic wine sales	37 999	0.3	5.8
White table wine sales	18 250	0.4	1.6
Red and rosé table wine sales	13 788	-0.3	9.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Australian produced wine

Domestic wine sales	37 300	-1.3	1.2
White table wine sales	17 981	-0.1	-1.9
Red and rosé table wine sales	13 346	-2.8	4.0

KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased 0.3% in April 2007.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine increased by 0.4% in April 2007. The trend for red and rosé table wine decreased 0.3% on March 2007.
- The trend estimate for other wine increased by 1.3% on March 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 37.3 million litres in April 2007, a decrease of 1.3% on March 2007.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine decreased 0.1% on March 2007, while red and rosé table wine decreased by 2.8% on March 2007.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for other wine decreased 1.6% in April 2007.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 34.4 million litres of Australian produced wine were sold domestically by winemakers in April 2007, a decrease of 6.4% on March 2007, but remaining steady when compared to April 2006.
- Exports of Australian produced wine in April 2007 decreased 8.8% on March 2007 to 64.6 million litres. Australia exported 793.0 million litres with a value of \$2.8 billion in the twelve months ending April 2007, an increase of 12.3% in volume and 3.9% in value over the corresponding period to April 2006.

INQUIRIES

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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May 2007	5 July 2007
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

DATA NOTES

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 white table wine sales increased 0.4% in April 2007. This was the third month of increase, after five months of decline. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales decreased 0.3% on March 2007, the first decrease after eleven consecutive monthly increases.

TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE: **Trend**

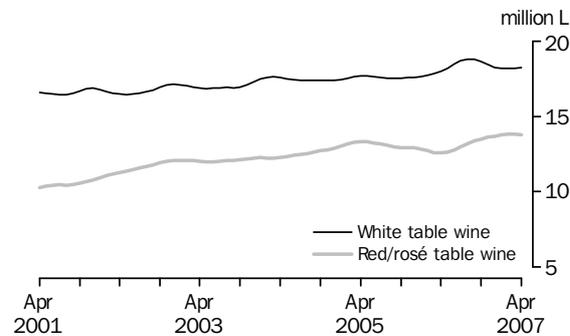


TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER LESS THAN 2 LITRES

The trend estimate for sales of white table wine in glass containers of less than 2 litres increased 1.2% on March 2007, the fourth consecutive month of increase. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales in glass containers of less than 2 litres increased 0.7% in April 2007, the thirteenth consecutive month of increase.

TABLE WINE, Glass container less than 2 litres: **Trend**

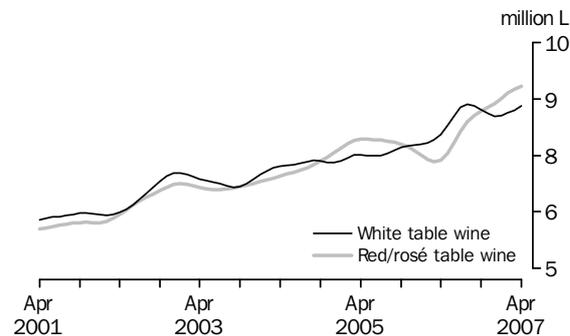
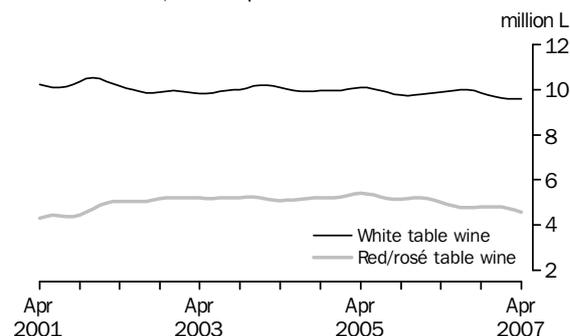


TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine in soft packs decreased slightly in April 2007, continuing the downward trend from the previous seven months. This was the eighth consecutive month decline. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales in soft packs decreased 1.8% for April 2007. This is the fifth consecutive month of decrease.

TABLE WINE, Soft pack containers: **Trend**

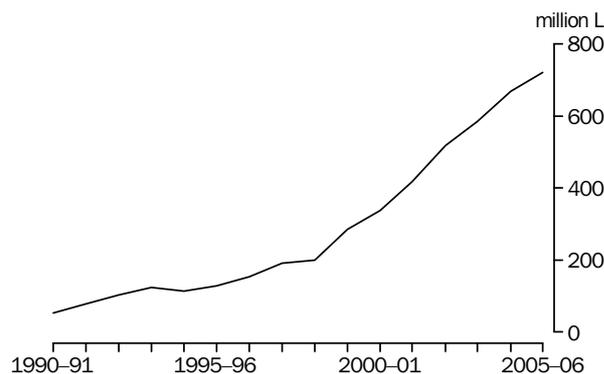


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

ANNUAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

The graph below shows that there has been steady growth in the quantity of exports of Australian produced wine over the last fifteen years. In 1990-91, 54.2 million litres of wine were exported. Exports grew rapidly to over 100 million litres in 1992-93 and between 1998-99 and 1999-2000 grew 41.8% to reach 284.9 million litres. Over the next three years there were rises of 18.7%, 23.7% and 24.0% respectively. Wine exports increased 12.7% in 2003-04 to 584.3 million litres and then rose 14.6% in 2004-05 to 669.7 million litres. Wine exports continued to rise in 2005-06, reaching 722.0 million litres, a 7.8% increase on 2004-05.

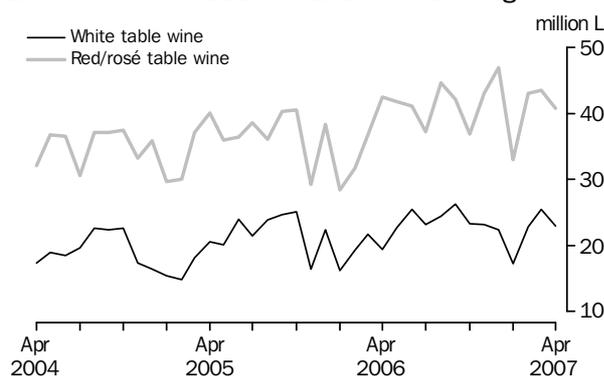
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE, Annual totals: **Original**



EXPORTS OF WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

In original terms, 64.6 million litres of Australian produced wine were exported in April 2007, a decrease of 8.8% on March 2007, but an increase of 2.4% on April 2006. In April 2007, 23.0 million litres of Australian produced white table wine were exported, a decrease of 9.9% on March 2007, but an increase of 18.8% on April 2006. Australian producers exported 40.8 million litres of red and rosé table wine in April 2007, a fall of 6.2% on March 2007 and 4.0% on April 2006.

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

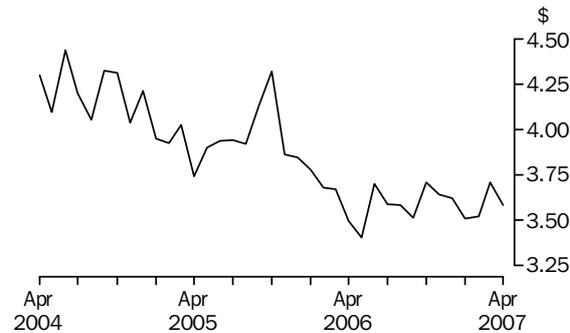


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE *continued*

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS

In original terms, 64.6 million litres of wine valued at \$231.5m were exported in April 2007, a decrease of 8.8% in quantity and 11.8% in value on March 2007. The average value of Australian wine exported in April 2007 was \$3.58 per litre, down from \$3.71 per litre in March 2007, but up from \$3.50 per litre in April 2006.

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS: Original



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABS AND AWBC WINE EXPORT FIGURES

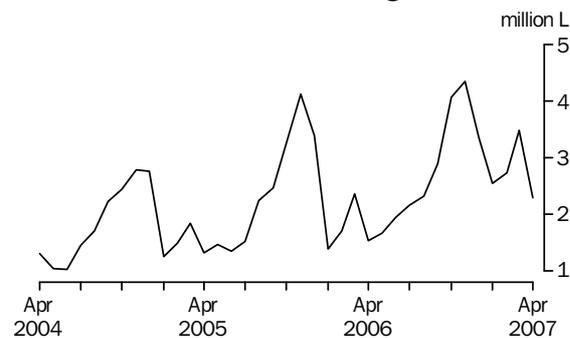
The value of wine exports reported in this publication is derived by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from customs export records and the ABS converts the value on the day of shipment, at the daily conversion rate (see paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail). The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation (AWBC) also report the value of exports and the exporter makes the conversion when submitting wine for export approval. With the AWBC method, it is expected that some of the conversions will occur at hedged rates. This does not occur with the ABS method. For April, the value reported by the ABS was \$231.5m, while the AWBC value was \$235.9m. When the Australian exchange rate is moving significantly the alternative methods will result in diverging valuations.

IMPORTS AND DISPOSALS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

In original terms, 2.3 million litres of wine, valued at \$21.5 million were imported in April 2007, a drop of 34.0% in quantity and 23.7% in value on March 2007. The average value of wine imports cleared for home consumption in April 2007 was \$9.37 per litre, down from \$9.58 per litre in April 2006.

WINE IMPORTS CLEARED: Original



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

The original data for the March quarter 2007 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 8.8% on the same quarter in 2006. Domestic sales of Australian wine increased 5.7%, and wine imports increased 60.0%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 14.7% on the same quarter in 2006 with exports increasing by 19.8%.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Domestic sales of Australian produced wine (A)</i>	<i>Wine imports cleared for home consumption (B)</i>	<i>Wine available for consumption (A + B)</i>	<i>Exports of Australian produced wine (C)</i>	<i>Total disposals of Australian produced wine (A + C)</i>
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
2003-04	417 378	18 737	436 115	584 319	1 001 697
2004-05	430 131	22 139	452 270	669 720	1 099 851
2005-06	432 372	24 369	465 130	721 771	1 154 143
Mar qtr 2006	88 763	5 468	94 231	157 894	246 657
Mar qtr 2007	93 814	8 751	102 565	r189 117	r282 931

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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									
2003-04	84 225	120 935	207 962	82 832	62 795	147 074	355 037	62 338	417 378
2004-05	89 477	118 803	209 348	91 146	63 032	155 491	364 836	65 293	430 131
2005-06	92 951	118 220	212 558	91 821	61 116	154 237	366 796	65 575	432 372
2006									
April	7 602	9 594	17 251	6 835	4 950	12 144	29 396	4 952	34 348
May	7 349	10 594	18 082	7 904	5 329	13 458	31 540	4 637	36 177
June	6 734	9 180	16 036	8 269	4 645	12 969	29 005	4 513	33 518
July	8 209	9 421	17 740	9 602	5 888	15 680	33 420	4 670	38 089
August	8 301	11 004	19 358	9 958	6 273	16 768	36 126	5 117	41 243
September	10 096	9 846	20 141	9 696	4 916	14 714	34 855	6 639	41 494
October	9 656	9 815	19 765	9 416	4 803	14 395	34 160	7 380	41 540
November	9 927	11 199	21 315	9 758	5 696	15 735	37 050	8 138	45 188
December	10 085	10 168	20 651	8 596	4 237	13 020	33 671	8 096	41 767
2007									
January	5 976	6 850	13 036	5 070	2 679	7 943	20 979	3 446	24 425
February	7 829	9 938	17 845	6 746	4 001	10 879	28 724	3 954	32 678
March	8 510	9 976	18 566	8 337	4 352	12 802	31 368	5 344	36 711
April	7 556	9 317	16 985	7 612	4 453	12 211	29 196	5 157	34 353
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2006									
April	8 323	9 971	18 338	7 704	4 920	12 835	31 173	5 675	36 848
May	7 911	9 901	17 975	7 164	4 940	12 549	30 524	5 027	35 551
June	8 001	9 872	17 983	7 726	4 625	12 420	30 403	5 304	35 707
July	8 603	9 701	18 476	9 134	4 997	14 328	32 804	5 215	38 019
August	8 436	10 677	19 186	8 730	4 942	13 908	33 094	5 054	38 148
September	9 868	9 781	19 873	8 589	4 517	13 220	33 093	6 031	39 124
October	8 495	9 652	18 470	8 541	4 574	13 306	31 776	6 035	37 811
November	7 306	9 698	17 200	8 231	5 298	13 774	30 974	5 561	36 535
December	8 038	10 196	18 458	7 842	4 735	12 772	31 230	5 432	36 662
2007									
January	8 849	8 773	17 869	9 706	4 647	14 691	32 560	5 803	38 363
February	8 848	10 159	19 092	8 842	5 014	14 065	33 157	5 821	38 978
March	8 546	9 378	17 998	8 992	4 555	13 726	31 724	6 068	37 792
April	8 212	9 680	17 981	8 801	4 462	13 346	31 327	5 973	37 300
TREND									
2006									
April	7 957	9 883	17 960	7 397	5 027	12 576	30 536	5 372	35 908
May	8 155	9 930	18 203	7 549	4 929	12 638	30 841	5 301	36 142
June	8 378	9 961	18 464	7 794	4 838	12 795	31 259	5 288	36 547
July	8 552	9 993	18 689	8 033	4 788	12 985	31 674	5 346	37 020
August	8 624	9 993	18 791	8 234	4 776	13 179	31 970	5 454	37 424
September	8 596	9 950	18 753	8 379	4 792	13 355	32 108	5 572	37 680
October	8 512	9 860	18 602	8 477	4 813	13 496	32 098	5 666	37 764
November	8 418	9 760	18 411	8 556	4 831	13 613	32 024	5 719	37 743
December	8 360	9 671	18 246	8 639	4 827	13 699	31 945	5 744	37 689
2007									
January	8 381	9 616	18 179	8 752	4 799	13 780	31 959	5 773	37 732
February	8 444	9 594	18 182	8 871	4 744	13 829	32 011	5 825	37 836
March	8 485	9 593	18 185	8 966	4 678	13 835	32 020	5 884	37 904
April	8 586	9 589	18 250	9 032	4 596	13 788	32 038	5 961	37 999

(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: Percentage change from previous period

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	Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Total			
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
ORIGINAL									
2003-04	3.1	1.7	3.1	3.9	—	3.0	3.1	7.5	3.7
2004-05	6.2	-1.8	0.7	10.0	0.4	5.7	2.8	4.7	3.1
2005-06	3.9	-0.5	1.5	0.7	-3.0	-0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5
2006									
April	-6.0	-10.8	-9.4	2.2	-0.4	3.2	-4.6	1.0	-3.8
May	-3.3	10.4	4.8	15.6	7.7	10.8	7.3	-6.4	5.3
June	-8.4	-13.3	-11.3	4.6	-12.8	-3.6	-8.0	-2.7	-7.3
July	21.9	2.6	10.6	16.1	26.8	20.9	15.2	3.5	13.6
August	1.1	16.8	9.1	3.7	6.5	6.9	8.1	9.6	8.3
September	21.6	-10.5	4.0	-2.6	-21.6	-12.2	-3.5	29.7	0.6
October	-4.4	-0.3	-1.9	-2.9	-2.3	-2.2	-2.0	11.2	0.1
November	2.8	14.1	7.8	3.6	18.6	9.3	8.5	10.3	8.8
December	1.6	-9.2	-3.1	-11.9	-25.6	-17.3	-9.1	-0.5	-7.6
2007									
January	-40.7	-32.6	-36.9	-41.0	-36.8	-39.0	-37.7	-57.4	-41.5
February	31.0	45.1	36.9	33.1	49.3	37.0	36.9	14.7	33.8
March	8.7	0.4	4.0	23.6	8.8	17.7	9.2	35.2	12.3
April	-11.2	-6.6	-8.5	-8.7	2.3	-4.6	-6.9	-3.5	-6.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2006									
April	5.4	3.8	3.8	8.0	-1.8	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.0
May	-5.0	-0.7	-2.0	-7.0	0.4	-2.2	-2.1	-11.4	-3.5
June	1.1	-0.3	—	7.8	-6.4	-1.0	-0.4	5.5	0.4
July	7.5	-1.7	2.7	18.2	8.0	15.4	7.9	-1.7	6.5
August	-1.9	10.1	3.8	-4.4	-1.1	-2.9	0.9	-3.1	0.3
September	17.0	-8.4	3.6	-1.6	-8.6	-4.9	—	19.3	2.6
October	-13.9	-1.3	-7.1	-0.6	1.3	0.7	-4.0	0.1	-3.4
November	-14.0	0.5	-6.9	-3.6	15.8	3.5	-2.5	-7.9	-3.4
December	10.0	5.1	7.3	-4.7	-10.6	-7.3	0.8	-2.3	0.3
2007									
January	10.1	-14.0	-3.2	23.8	-1.9	15.0	4.3	6.8	4.6
February	—	15.8	6.8	-8.9	7.9	-4.3	1.8	0.3	1.6
March	-3.4	-7.7	-5.7	1.7	-9.2	-2.4	-4.3	4.3	-3.0
April	-3.9	3.2	-0.1	-2.1	-2.0	-2.8	-1.3	-1.6	-1.3
TREND									
2006									
April	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.5	-1.5	-0.2	0.4	-1.3	0.1
May	2.5	0.5	1.4	2.1	-1.9	0.5	1.0	-1.3	0.7
June	2.7	0.3	1.4	3.2	-1.8	1.2	1.4	-0.2	1.1
July	2.1	0.3	1.2	3.1	-1.0	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.3
August	0.8	—	0.5	2.5	-0.3	1.5	0.9	2.0	1.1
September	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	1.8	0.3	1.3	0.4	2.2	0.7
October	-1.0	-0.9	-0.8	1.2	0.4	1.1	—	1.7	0.2
November	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	-0.2	0.9	-0.1
December	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	1.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.1
2007									
January	0.2	-0.6	-0.4	1.3	-0.6	0.6	—	0.5	0.1
February	0.8	-0.2	—	1.4	-1.1	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.3
March	0.5	—	—	1.1	-1.4	—	—	1.0	0.2
April	1.2	—	0.4	0.7	-1.8	-0.3	0.1	1.3	0.3

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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

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	'000 L
2003-04	355 037	21 201	21 555	13 121	3 468	2 738	255	618
2004-05	364 836	19 934	22 988	15 410	4 206	2 547	208	576
2005-06	366 796	18 510	23 128	16 659	4 248	2 833	197	535
2006								
April	29 396	1 557	1 624	1 244	304	207	16	38
May	31 540	1 690	1 421	987	309	211	18	43
June	29 005	1 671	1 157	1 148	273	248	16	35
July	33 420	1 752	1 353	996	290	264	15	58
August	36 126	1 749	1 642	1 107	336	271	12	42
September	34 855	1 544	2 513	1 928	384	254	17	31
October	34 160	1 222	3 178	2 336	413	220	11	64
November	37 050	1 565	3 140	2 617	466	333	17	54
December	33 671	1 410	3 171	2 777	402	312	25	44
2007								
January	20 979	964	1 121	799	305	246	11	53
February	28 724	1 143	1 273	1 075	283	168	12	26
March	31 368	1 301	1 717	1 741	371	199	15	31
April	29 196	1 401	1 525	1 648	355	217	11	37

(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
2003-04	2 041	4 296	377	9 042	5 447	21 201
2004-05	1 879	3 932	368	8 931	4 825	19 934
2005-06	1 751	3 785	366	8 279	4 325	18 510
2006						
April	123	286	22	786	340	1 557
May	168	312	34	799	378	1 690
June	139	344	39	716	431	1 671
July	165	314	35	821	417	1 752
August	143	373	43	803	388	1 749
September	np	319	np	637	382	1 544
October	90	223	36	592	282	1 222
November	161	347	48	636	373	1 565
December	152	336	46	576	300	1 410
2007						
January	133	181	23	421	206	964
February	107	193	23	526	294	1 143
March	142	236	27	616	281	1 301
April	96	266	31	654	355	1 401

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

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

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

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)							
2003-04	206 487	364 767	571 254	2 512	9 805	749	584 319
2004-05	233 898	420 615	654 513	2 069	12 445	693	669 720
2005-06	258 794	445 319	704 113	2 587	14 338	733	721 771
2006							
February	19 306	31 695	51 001	257	828	40	52 127
March	21 711	36 826	58 537	185	1 314	95	60 131
April	19 368	42 435	61 803	346	906	47	63 102
May	22 755	41 772	64 526	375	842	73	65 817
June	25 497	41 170	66 667	171	1 198	80	68 116
July	23 205	37 270	60 475	205	1 224	55	61 959
August	24 446	44 677	69 122	312	1 778	58	71 271
September	26 283	42 136	68 419	451	1 892	71	70 833
October	r23 252	36 951	r60 204	202	2 091	75	r62 571
November	r23 212	r43 086	r66 298	238	1 586	78	r68 200
December	22 346	r46 936	r69 282	r202	950	39	r70 473
2007							
January	r17 275	r33 009	r50 284	126	908	20	r51 338
February	r22 855	r43 059	r65 914	r208	r808	30	r66 960
March	r25 518	r43 462	r68 980	r204	r1 503	131	r70 819
April	23 000	40 757	63 757	264	544	31	64 595
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2003-04	793 900	1 628 008	2 421 908	13 665	53 346	4 740	2 493 659
2004-05	843 033	1 787 050	2 630 083	12 653	67 502	4 910	2 715 149
2005-06	862 756	1 791 760	2 654 516	15 229	81 138	4 366	2 755 249
2006							
February	59 698	125 506	185 203	1 304	5 054	161	191 723
March	68 817	142 298	211 116	1 370	7 519	738	220 742
April	63 541	149 593	213 134	1 803	5 331	341	220 610
May	68 720	148 421	217 141	1 160	5 470	342	224 113
June	80 289	163 679	243 968	995	6 627	447	252 036
July	75 120	138 834	213 955	1 112	6 960	280	222 307
August	77 468	166 777	244 245	1 421	9 415	365	255 446
September	75 888	160 499	236 387	1 581	10 690	294	248 952
October	r64 867	153 350	r218 217	1 540	12 002	224	r231 983
November	r69 816	r168 226	r238 042	r1 717	8 314	430	248 503
December	68 489	r179 805	r248 294	1 168	5 615	203	r255 280
2007							
January	r51 097	r123 003	r174 100	845	5 020	130	r180 095
February	r67 552	r162 299	r229 851	r1 112	r4 584	185	r235 732
March	r74 460	r178 305	r252 765	r1 211	r8 107	492	r262 575
April	71 036	156 559	227 595	927	2 835	193	231 549

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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.

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF BRANDY

Period	EXPORTS (a)		IMPORTS (b)	
	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value(c)
	'000 L al	\$'000	'000 L al	\$'000
2003-04	11	323	540	10 425
2004-05	18	913	519	9 054
2005-06	38	2 037	457	7 796
2006				
February	2	380	30	387
March	2	136	45	517
April	1	144	26	384
May	3	135	34	696
June	2	182	31	487
July	1	154	33	548
August	—	—	34	733
September	2	7	39	725
October	—	4	41	953
November	2	19	51	1 018
December	—	1	55	1 320
2007				
January	—	—	32	690
February	—	1	23	616
March	—	5	32	470
April	2	23	28	564

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

- (a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers. From March 2004 to July 2006 the Brandy exports included some re-exports due to confidentiality restrictions. From August 2006 the Brandy export figure does not include re-exports.
- (b) Imports cleared for home consumption. See paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.
- (c) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

	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	10 608	14 522	25 130	96	164	—	25 389	84 655
United States of America	3 730	8 722	12 452	27	23	—	12 502	58 132
Canada	964	2 487	3 451	25	36	17	3 529	19 040
Germany, Federal Republic of	544	2 113	2 657	—	—	—	2 657	3 780
New Zealand	2 077	1 712	3 789	84	118	10	4 001	9 397
Netherlands	1 573	1 853	3 425	—	8	—	3 433	8 236
Denmark	607	1 567	2 174	—	3	—	2 177	4 320
Belgium	644	1 919	2 563	—	16	—	2 579	4 894
China (excluding Taiwan Province)	69	900	969	2	4	—	975	3 775
Ireland	655	713	1 368	—	18	—	1 386	6 421
Sweden	225	377	602	—	24	—	626	3 338
Japan	177	348	526	—	29	—	554	3 348
France	92	804	896	—	—	—	896	1 323
Singapore	134	368	501	2	3	—	507	4 656
Hong Kong	38	215	253	—	2	1	256	2 185
Norway	51	246	297	—	1	—	298	887
Finland	127	277	404	—	6	—	410	1 402
United Arab Emirates	91	101	192	—	4	—	196	750
Malaysia	35	201	237	6	2	—	244	2 069
Taiwan (Province of China)	8	111	119	—	1	—	121	808
Total other countries(e)	549	1 202	1 751	20	82	3	1 856	8 131
Total all countries	23 000	40 757	63 757	264	544	31	64 595	231 549

IMPORTS (f)								
New Zealand	1 232	130	1 362	—	17	1	1 381	11 490
Italy	53	73	126	1	230	11	368	2 160
France	49	72	121	—	136	—	257	6 028
Portugal	17	9	25	—	—	20	46	186
Spain	5	16	21	7	2	1	30	208
Chile	31	8	39	—	—	8	47	191
Germany, Federal Republic of	12	3	15	—	—	26	41	190
South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Total other countries(e)	22	59	81	1	17	27	126	1 051
Total All Countries	1 421	369	1 790	9	403	94	2 296	21 511

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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)								
2003-04	28 615	322 546	9 333	12 398	207 970	3 457	584 319	313 948
2004-05	26 615	374 626	13 230	17 279	233 171	4 798	669 720	368 011
2005-06	28 563	393 895	10 819	27 655	253 851	6 987	721 771	387 913
2006								
February	2 874	31 678	1 063	1 755	14 112	644	52 127	31 203
March	3 010	35 634	937	1 538	17 480	1 532	60 131	35 012
April	2 489	32 931	777	4 898	21 414	592	63 102	32 554
May	1 813	32 405	848	6 029	24 056	667	65 817	32 003
June	2 160	33 749	858	1 958	28 522	868	68 116	33 495
July	2 676	36 092	728	3 501	17 802	1 160	61 959	35 190
August	3 154	40 211	3 104	3 415	20 914	473	71 271	39 683
September	4 307	35 714	1 283	2 578	26 270	681	70 833	34 793
October	r3 341	r34 217	1 089	2 299	20 952	673	r62 571	r33 367
November	4 190	r31 678	1 094	4 180	26 430	628	r68 200	r31 268
December	2 757	27 601	1 359	r5 219	r32 878	659	r70 473	26 843
2007								
January	1 163	27 838	r865	3 507	r17 449	517	r51 338	r27 445
February	r3 260	r36 009	r988	r5 113	r20 918	r672	r66 960	r35 552
March	r3 777	r40 425	r1 133	r3 517	r21 365	r602	r70 819	r39 603
April	4 138	40 517	1 107	2 163	16 050	621	64 595	39 891
VALUE (d) (\$'000)								
2003-04	106 839	1 165 185	61 869	74 274	1 071 017	14 474	2 493 659	1 133 062
2004-05	104 390	1 316 533	74 717	93 667	1 106 231	19 611	2 715 149	1 287 727
2005-06	104 745	1 328 880	76 232	109 242	1 109 856	26 294	2 755 249	1 301 499
2006								
February	7 615	104 626	6 091	7 503	63 302	2 586	191 723	102 786
March	8 404	121 401	8 046	9 268	71 242	2 381	220 742	118 914
April	6 987	101 173	5 551	10 825	93 664	2 410	220 610	99 525
May	7 416	99 915	7 271	12 285	94 980	2 247	224 113	97 768
June	7 860	115 950	6 507	8 811	109 839	3 069	252 036	114 589
July	7 678	126 354	5 285	9 058	70 626	3 306	222 307	123 173
August	9 944	135 102	7 063	12 926	88 042	2 369	255 446	132 789
September	12 078	122 025	5 884	11 990	94 671	2 305	248 952	118 816
October	11 249	r112 800	6 121	10 802	88 281	2 729	r231 983	r109 313
November	12 428	r107 183	7 076	13 997	105 526	2 292	r248 503	r105 388
December	8 079	86 418	9 434	15 394	r133 495	2 461	r255 280	83 193
2007								
January	4 625	90 925	r6 421	10 664	r65 305	2 154	r180 095	89 174
February	r9 090	r116 769	r6 840	r11 188	r89 453	r2 392	r235 732	r115 118
March	r11 517	r135 520	r7 870	r13 594	r91 282	r2 792	r262 575	r132 298
April	10 002	121 912	8 795	11 373	77 249	2 218	231 549	119 613

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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)

<i>Period</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>Portugal</i>	<i>Spain</i>	<i>Chile</i>	<i>Germany, Federal Republic of</i>	<i>South Africa</i>	<i>Total other countries</i>	<i>Total All Countries</i>
2003-04	5 629	4 672	3 064	621	564	249	354	132	3 453	18 737
2004-05	9 479	4 937	3 492	418	684	387	448	179	2 115	22 139
2005-06	r11 853	r4 821	r4 136	r854	r786	r339	r350	r299	r929	r24 369
2006										
February	693	333	306	115	114	9	26	47	64	1 707
March	1 279	376	411	46	48	46	33	56	72	2 366
April	783	288	213	87	36	22	19	5	82	1 535
May	819	276	304	32	74	13	52	9	91	1 670
June	835	336	468	69	39	80	20	22	81	1 949
July	1 121	396	427	34	69	2	42	12	62	2 164
August	1 118	444	441	27	84	50	52	10	99	2 326
September	1 455	518	452	73	145	49	80	57	64	2 894
October	2 143	626	742	45	67	125	134	93	89	4 065
November	2 007	884	835	67	113	52	48	83	253	4 343
December	1 831	469	556	38	86	97	41	38	197	3 353
2007										
January	1 375	390	391	31	73	38	52	108	86	2 544
February	1 446	263	271	30	80	54	15	60	509	2 728
March	1 932	537	412	22	66	54	334	50	71	3 479
April	1 381	368	257	46	30	47	41	—	126	2 296

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

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

IMPORTS CLEARED BY WINE TYPE (a)

Period	WINE TYPE						Total wine
	White table	Red/Rosé table(b)	Table wine	Fortified wine	Sparkling wine	Other wine	
QUANTITY ('000 L)							
2003-04	7 703	4 114	11 817	734	4 787	1 399	18 737
2004-05	10 502	4 280	14 782	253	5 187	1 918	22 139
2005-06	r11 819	r6 176	r17 995	r124	r4 936	r1 313	r24 369
2006							
February	808	490	1 299	2	325	82	1 707
March	1 421	552	1 973	21	300	72	2 366
April	860	375	1 235	5	214	81	1 535
May	899	421	1 320	4	288	58	1 670
June	973	506	1 480	4	419	46	1 949
July	1 176	384	1 560	11	503	90	2 164
August	1 349	418	1 767	13	475	71	2 326
September	1 588	591	2 179	12	625	78	2 894
October	2 406	766	3 171	7	768	118	4 065
November	2 088	869	2 957	4	1 265	118	4 343
December	1 871	492	2 363	17	695	278	3 353
2007							
January	1 432	417	1 849	8	492	195	2 544
February	1 410	489	1 899	4	494	331	2 728
March	1 880	918	2 798	6	612	63	3 479
April	1 421	369	1 790	9	403	94	2 296
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2003-04	50 345	29 541	79 886	2 065	64 995	5 459	152 405
2004-05	78 428	30 510	108 937	1 728	68 063	9 512	188 240
2005-06	r97 196	r36 781	r133 977	r917	r70 311	r6 058	r211 263
2006							
February	7 660	2 564	10 224	21	4 318	327	14 891
March	12 208	3 146	15 354	87	4 553	290	20 284
April	7 174	2 804	9 978	42	4 347	345	14 711
May	7 696	3 023	10 719	56	4 751	262	15 788
June	7 412	3 511	10 923	33	6 079	194	17 229
July	9 930	3 351	13 281	88	4 504	384	18 257
August	11 003	4 214	15 217	192	6 902	398	22 709
September	14 269	4 328	18 597	93	7 702	386	26 779
October	19 005	4 733	23 738	52	12 379	465	36 635
November	17 752	5 082	22 835	43	15 713	503	39 094
December	14 266	3 502	17 768	181	8 896	891	27 736
2007							
January	10 767	2 937	13 704	70	6 961	883	21 618
February	12 329	3 232	15 561	45	6 776	1 042	23 424
March	r15 308	r4 918	r20 225	89	7 538	339	r28 192
April	11 117	3 232	14 349	70	6 723	369	21 511

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

(b) Includes "Other table wine".

(c) See paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

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

3 Tables 1, 3 & 4 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 5–10 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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 cleared for home consumption	Imported goods brought into the country for consumption or further processing, but excluding goods imported with the reasonable expectation of re-export within a limited time.
Other containers	All other wine packaging except glass bottles containing less than 2 litres and soft packs. Included in this category are glass containers greater than 2 litres, cans and bulk wine in tankers or other such containers.
Other wine products	Products such as flavoured wine, cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines. De-alcoholised, low and reduced alcohol wines are also included.
Soft packs	A container type including all collapsible packs whether plastic or of other material.
Sparkling	A product consisting of wine that by complete or partial fermentation of contained sugars has become surcharged with carbon dioxide.
Table wine	A product of the complete or partial fermentation of fresh grapes or products derived solely from fresh grapes.
Total other wine	Includes fortified wines such as sherry, port, muscat, maderia, tokay and white port etc., sparkling wines both bottle and bulk 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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