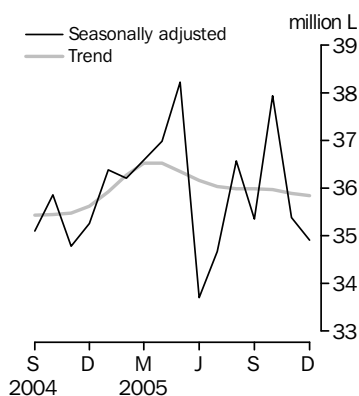


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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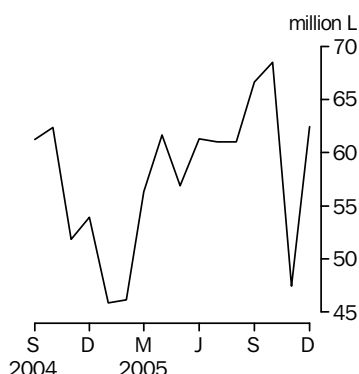
Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



Australian produced wine

Exports
Original



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KEY FIGURES

	Dec 2005 '000 L	Nov 2005 to Dec 2005 % change	Dec 2004 to Dec 2005 % change
TREND ESTIMATES			
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	35 843	-0.2	0.6
White table wine sales	17 343	-0.4	0.2
Red and rosé table wine sales	12 985	—	0.7

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	34 907	-1.4	-1.0
White table wine sales	16 867	-2.2	-2.0
Red and rosé table wine sales	12 762	-1.8	-0.8

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KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 35.8 million litres in December 2005, a decrease of 0.2% on November 2005 but an increase of 0.6% on December 2004.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 0.4% on November 2005 but increased 0.2% on December 2004. Red and rosé table wine remained unchanged on November 2005 but increased 0.7% on December 2004.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 34.9 million litres in December 2005, a decrease of 1.4% on November 2005.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 2.2% on November 2005, while red and rosé table wine decreased 1.8%. Sales of other wine increased 2.7% on November 2005.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 40.2 million litres of Australian produced wine were sold domestically in December 2005, a decrease of 13.3% on November 2005 and 4.9% on December 2004.
- Exports of Australian produced wine increased 31.6% on November 2005 to 62.4 million litres in December 2005. Australia exported 695.3 million litres with a value of \$2.7 billion in the twelve months ending December 2005, an increase of 7.7% in volume and 1.6% in value over the corresponding period to December 2004.

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ROUNDING

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

\$m	million dollars
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AWBC	Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation
f.o.b.	free on board
HS	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System)
L	litre
L al	litres of alcohol

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DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES TREND

TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend estimate for total sales of white table wine decreased 0.4% on November 2005 but increased 0.2% on December 2004. The trend estimate for total red and rosé wine remained unchanged on November 2005 but increased 0.7% on December 2004.

TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE: Trend

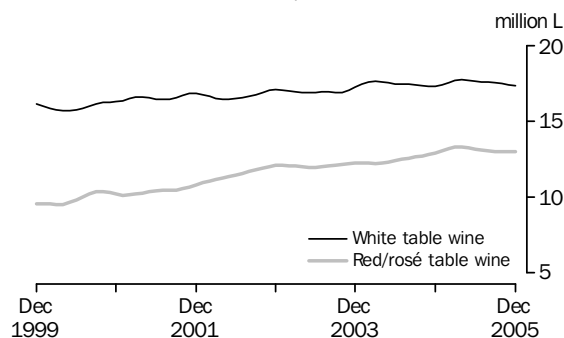


TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER LESS THAN 2 LITRES

The trend estimate for sales of white table wine in glass containers of less than 2 litres increased 0.2% on November 2005 and 5.8% on December 2004. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales in glass containers of less than 2 litres decreased 0.1% on November 2005 but increased 3.0% on December 2004.

TABLE WINE, Glass container less than 2 litres: Trend

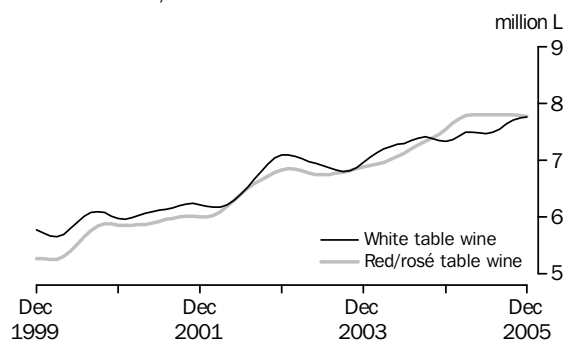
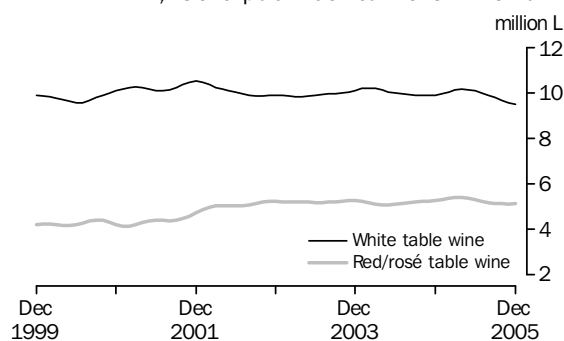


TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine in soft packs decreased 0.8% on November 2005 and 4.2% on December 2004. The trend estimate for red and rosé wine in soft packs increased 0.2% on November 2005 but decreased 2.3% on December 2004.

TABLE WINE, Soft pack containers: Trend

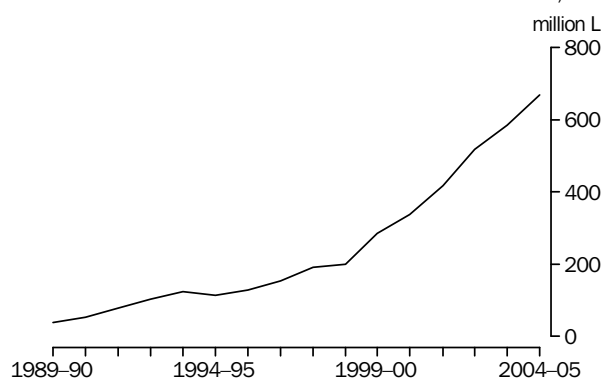


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

ANNUAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

The graph below shows that there has been steady growth in original terms in the quantity of exports of Australian produced wine over the last fifteen years. In 1989–90, 38.1 million litres of wine were exported. Exports gradually grew over the next three years to reach over 100 million litres in 1992–93. By 1998–99 exports had reached 200.9 million litres. Since then there has been rapid growth with 284.9 million litres of wine exported in 1999–2000, a 41.8% rise on 1998–99. Over the following three years there were rises of 18.7%, 23.7% and 24.0% respectively. Wine exports continued to rise in 2003–04 reaching 584.3 million litres, a 12.7% increase on 2002–03. In 2004–05 exports totalled 669.7 million litres, an increase of 14.6% on 2003–04.

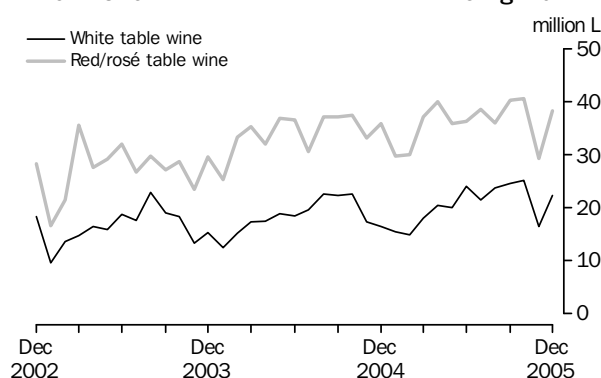
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE, Annual totals: **Original**



EXPORTS OF WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

In original terms, 62.4 million litres of Australian produced wine were exported in December 2005, an increase of 31.6% on November 2005 and 15.8% on December 2004. In December 2005, 22.4 million litres of Australian produced white table wine were exported, an increase of 36.3% on November 2005 and 36.5% on December 2004. Australia exported 38.4 million litres of Australian produced red and rosé table wine in December 2005, an increase of 31.1% on November 2005 and 7.1% on December 2004.

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

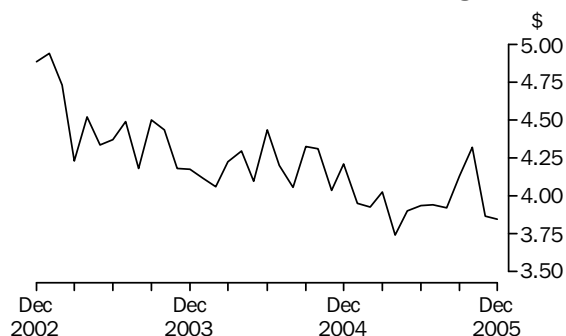


EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE *continued*

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS

In original terms, 62.4 million litres of wine valued at \$240.1m were exported in December 2005, an increase of 31.6% in quantity and 30.9% in value on November 2005. The average value of Australian wine exported in November 2005 was \$3.84 per litre, down from \$4.21 per litre in December 2004, and \$3.86 per litre in November 2005.

UNIT VALUE OF WINE EXPORTS: **Original**



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABS AND AWBC WINE EXPORT FIGURES

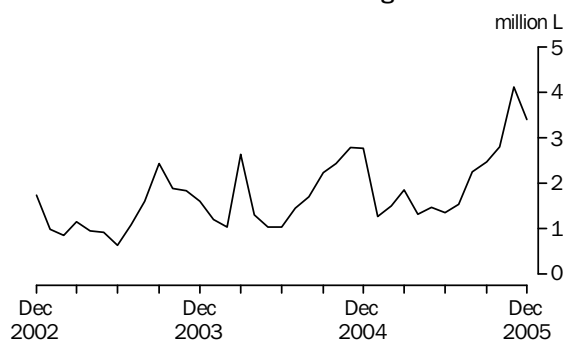
The value of wine exports reported in this publication is derived by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from customs export records and the ABS converts the value on the day of shipment, at the daily conversion rate (see paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes for more detail). The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation (AWBC) also report the value of exports and the exporter makes the conversion when submitting wine for export approval. With the AWBC method, it is expected that some of the conversions will occur at hedged rates. This does not occur with the ABS method. For December, the value reported by the ABS was \$240.1m, while the AWBC value was \$231.4m. 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, 3.4 million litres of wine, valued at \$26.8 million were imported in December 2005, a decrease of 17.6% in quantity and 15.4% in value on November 2005. The average value of wine imports cleared for home consumption in December 2005 was \$7.91 per litre, down from \$8.46 per litre in December 2004.

WINE IMPORTS CLEARED: Original



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

The original data for the December quarter 2005 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 2.0% on the same quarter in 2004. Domestic sales of Australian wine increased 0.2%, and wine imports increased 29.2%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 3.6% on the same quarter in 2004 with exports increasing by 6.1%.

	<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>
<i>Period</i>	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
2002-03	402 479	17 112	419 591	518 595	921 074
2003-04	417 378	18 737	436 115	584 319	1 001 697
2004-05	430 131	22 139	452 270	669 720	1 099 851
Dec Qtr 2004	125 801	7 984	133 785	168 182	293 983
Dec Qtr 2005	126 103	10 312	136 415	178 373	304 476

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE, By container type

	WHITE TABLE WINE			RED AND ROSÉ TABLE WINE					
	Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Total(b)	Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Total(b)	Total table wine	Total other wine	Total wine
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
ORIGINAL									
2002-03	81 678	118 893	201 631	79 752	62 788	142 835	344 465	58 010	402 479
2003-04	84 225	120 935	207 962	82 832	62 795	147 074	355 037	62 338	417 378
2004-05	89 477	118 803	209 348	91 146	63 032	155 491	364 836	65 293	430 131
2004									
December	10 122	10 329	20 630	8 589	4 637	13 307	33 937	8 344	42 281
2005									
January	4 467	7 409	11 921	3 747	3 024	6 869	18 790	2 994	21 784
February	6 357	9 296	15 723	5 769	3 969	9 748	25 470	3 885	29 355
March	7 778	11 400	19 262	7 407	5 173	12 660	31 921	4 706	36 627
April	7 342	9 958	17 402	7 435	5 769	13 320	30 722	5 106	35 828
May	7 100	10 884	18 032	8 951	6 113	15 109	33 141	4 810	37 951
June	6 213	7 886	14 237	8 116	4 949	13 132	27 369	4 462	31 831
July	6 849	9 874	16 792	8 777	6 252	15 099	31 891	5 041	36 932
August	7 126	10 566	17 784	8 620	6 385	15 052	32 836	5 213	38 048
September	8 068	9 702	17 879	8 624	5 512	14 228	32 106	5 858	37 964
October	8 726	9 678	18 485	8 082	5 446	13 579	32 064	7 498	39 562
November	10 760	11 553	22 424	10 078	5 723	15 913	38 337	8 004	46 341
December	9 514	9 534	19 226	8 139	4 545	12 753	31 980	8 221	40 200
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2004									
December	7 487	9 635	17 212	7 743	5 047	12 862	30 074	5 185	35 259
2005									
January	7 019	10 360	17 439	7 574	5 780	13 461	30 900	5 481	36 381
February	7 282	9 900	17 260	7 688	5 234	12 940	30 200	6 004	36 204
March	7 503	10 309	17 892	7 845	5 123	13 162	31 054	5 531	36 585
April	7 838	9 962	17 878	7 798	5 570	13 452	31 330	5 659	36 989
May	7 760	10 896	18 717	8 261	5 648	13 996	32 713	5 511	38 224
June	7 335	8 386	15 839	7 663	4 881	12 604	28 443	5 265	33 708
July	6 944	9 576	16 622	7 706	5 123	12 901	29 523	5 146	34 669
August	7 498	10 695	18 316	7 888	5 173	13 090	31 406	5 166	36 572
September	7 614	9 437	17 170	7 742	4 991	12 813	29 983	5 363	35 346
October	8 483	9 615	18 198	7 934	5 385	13 362	31 560	6 378	37 938
November	7 612	9 528	17 252	7 797	5 084	12 999	30 251	5 139	35 390
December	7 296	9 481	16 867	7 632	5 065	12 762	29 629	5 278	34 907
TREND									
2004									
December	7 330	9 902	17 306	7 548	5 254	12 891	30 197	5 421	35 618
2005									
January	7 363	9 966	17 403	7 649	5 302	13 039	30 442	5 480	35 922
February	7 429	10 041	17 544	7 737	5 363	13 190	30 734	5 541	36 275
March	7 487	10 111	17 673	7 790	5 408	13 286	30 959	5 567	36 526
April	7 492	10 152	17 723	7 801	5 405	13 287	31 010	5 513	36 523
May	7 476	10 143	17 707	7 801	5 355	13 226	30 933	5 425	36 358
June	7 469	10 086	17 653	7 800	5 289	13 148	30 801	5 358	36 159
July	7 489	10 008	17 603	7 800	5 229	13 083	30 686	5 345	36 031
August	7 545	9 907	17 563	7 800	5 179	13 034	30 597	5 388	35 985
September	7 632	9 790	17 534	7 802	5 142	13 007	30 541	5 448	35 989
October	7 706	9 673	17 489	7 797	5 128	12 995	30 484	5 494	35 978
November	7 739	9 561	17 407	7 782	5 120	12 979	30 386	5 513	35 899
December	7 754	9 488	17 343	7 773	5 132	12 985	30 328	5 515	35 843

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

(b) Components do not add to total. The difference between the components and total is 'wine in other containers' (see Glossary).

DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

	Table	Fortified	Sparkling bottle fermentation(a)	Sparkling bulk fermentation(a)	Carbonated	Other wine products(b)	Vermouth	Brandy(c)
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L al
2002-03	344 465	20 842	22 991	8 627	2 799	2 498	252	651
2003-04	355 037	21 201	21 555	13 121	3 468	2 738	255	618
2004-05	364 836	19 934	22 988	15 410	4 206	2 547	208	576
2004								
December	33 937	1 669	3 740	2 180	437	296	22	62
2005								
January	18 790	1 045	997	560	207	171	14	47
February	25 470	1 203	1 187	1 022	314	141	17	30
March	31 921	1 486	1 507	1 162	350	186	16	37
April	30 722	1 711	1 451	1 074	640	213	16	40
May	33 141	1 800	1 440	1 095	255	204	16	47
June	27 369	1 777	1 231	982	273	184	15	41
July	31 891	2 107	1 453	876	332	258	16	49
August	32 836	1 891	1 576	1 159	299	272	16	54
September	32 106	1 497	2 162	1 554	398	229	17	47
October	32 064	1 738	3 089	2 052	374	227	18	52
November	38 337	1 551	3 135	2 448	574	278	17	54
December	31 980	1 531	3 342	2 513	485	330	20	73

(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
2002-03	2 227	4 075	320	8 856	5 369	20 842
2003-04	2 041	4 296	377	9 042	5 447	21 201
2004-05	1 879	3 932	368	8 931	4 825	19 934
2004						
December	208	390	38	641	393	1 669
2005						
January	114	172	20	507	232	1 045
February	105	193	18	542	345	1 203
March	123	259	23	713	369	1 486
April	167	304	28	789	423	1 711
May	161	341	25	837	436	1 800
June	149	336	60	826	405	1 777
July	204	424	32	951	496	2 107
August	137	439	31	884	399	1 891
September	140	301	27	641	388	1 497
October	252	344	34	607	501	1 738
November	132	363	29	719	308	1 551
December	155	410	55	606	306	1 531

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

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

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE(a), By wine type

	WINE TYPE						
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified wine	Sparkling wine	Other	Total wine
Period							
QUANTITY ('000 L)							
2002-03	193 736	312 881	506 617	3 034	7 933	1 010	518 595
2003-04	206 487	364 767	571 254	2 512	9 805	749	584 319
2004-05	233 898	420 615	654 513	2 069	12 445	693	669 720
2004							
October	22 623	37 457	60 080	153	2 099	44	62 376
November	17 320	33 186	50 507	126	1 176	74	51 882
December	16 414	35 846	52 260	309	1 317	37	53 923
2005							
January	15 422	29 729	45 151	168	463	79	45 861
February	14 862	29 991	44 853	172	1 092	68	46 184
March	18 107	37 134	55 241	134	834	107	56 316
April	20 496	40 041	60 536	217	906	16	61 675
May	20 079	35 930	56 009	186	651	42	56 889
June	23 982	36 376	60 357	198	727	39	61 321
July	21 471	38 553	60 023	138	817	37	61 015
August	23 825	36 054	59 880	204	900	54	61 037
September	24 618	40 273	64 891	167	1 578	28	66 663
October	25 177	40 577	65 755	151	2 515	49	68 470
November	r16 442	r29 297	r45 739	r165	1 473	r80	r47 458
December	22 405	38 394	60 799	231	1 274	140	62 445
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2002-03	788 239	1 561 361	2 349 600	18 266	48 934	6 346	2 423 145
2003-04	793 900	1 628 008	2 421 908	13 665	53 346	4 740	2 493 659
2004-05	843 033	1 787 050	2 630 083	12 653	67 502	4 910	2 715 149
2004							
October	83 363	173 240	256 603	941	11 081	319	268 944
November	62 144	139 160	201 303	787	6 822	545	209 458
December	62 804	154 406	217 210	1 918	7 552	388	227 068
2005							
January	57 065	120 577	177 643	848	2 256	400	181 146
February	54 175	120 823	174 998	847	5 025	439	181 308
March	64 966	155 151	220 116	1 112	4 672	731	226 632
April	71 325	153 330	224 655	1 087	4 975	153	230 870
May	70 136	146 349	216 485	1 174	3 834	414	221 907
June	75 410	160 712	236 122	1 086	3 910	207	241 326
July	76 664	158 133	234 797	1 055	4 275	264	240 391
August	81 746	151 005	232 751	1 262	5 049	324	239 387
September	87 510	177 864	265 374	1 242	8 394	211	275 220
October	94 488	185 815	280 303	1 802	13 379	302	295 785
November	r52 721	r121 314	r174 035	r1 093	7 820	r425	r183 373
December	72 102	157 619	229 721	1 390	8 523	430	240 063

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

(b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(c) See paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF BRANDY

Period	EXPORTS (a)		IMPORTS (b)	
	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value(c)
	'000 L al	\$'000	'000 L al	\$'000
2002-03	21	172	557	9 570
2003-04	11	323	540	10 425
2004-05	18	913	519	9 054
2004				
October	1	44	35	662
November	3	120	66	1 151
December	—	18	74	1 387
2005				
January	5	49	35	650
February	1	154	29	496
March	—	62	32	465
April	—	27	29	507
May	1	18	31	512
June	1	140	49	744
July	5	170	37	579
August	2	56	44	967
September	1	12	55	838
October	4	r113	40	816
November	9	378	r57	r1 054
December	4	269	55	1 179

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

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

(c) See paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, Selected countries(a)—December 2005

Country	WINE TYPE						TOTAL WINE	
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000
EXPORTS (d)								
United Kingdom	7 751	10 302	18 053	55	711	96	18 915	66 559
United States of America	9 673	12 882	22 555	53	121	9	22 738	95 602
New Zealand	446	819	1 265	9	142	10	1 426	5 822
Canada	956	4 086	5 042	55	29	1	5 126	24 332
Germany, Federal Republic of	327	2 186	2 512	—	—	—	2 512	4 250
Netherlands	742	670	1 412	25	5	—	1 442	4 514
Denmark	159	1 095	1 254	1	7	—	1 263	3 186
Ireland	453	624	1 077	—	45	—	1 122	4 510
Sweden	175	424	599	—	34	—	633	2 543
Belgium	548	792	1 339	—	19	—	1 358	2 739
Japan	147	494	642	15	42	—	698	3 418
Switzerland	9	329	338	1	—	—	339	857
France	73	466	539	—	—	—	539	716
Singapore	103	346	448	2	7	15	473	3 715
Norway	14	264	277	—	5	—	282	1 054
Hong Kong	94	308	401	1	15	1	418	3 144
Malaysia	49	229	278	—	7	—	285	1 878
Finland	30	109	138	—	8	—	146	419
Thailand	64	99	163	—	5	—	169	964
United Arab Emirates	105	118	223	4	11	—	239	882
Total other countries(e)	486	1 755	2 241	10	61	8	2 320	8 949
Total all countries	22 405	38 394	60 799	231	1 274	140	62 445	240 063
IMPORTS (f)								
New Zealand	1 156	694	1 849	1	72	41	1 963	12 196
Italy	56	236	292	1	175	58	526	2 402
France	61	62	123	—	361	12	496	10 645
Spain	3	55	58	15	37	8	117	651
Portugal	67	100	167	1	—	17	185	313
United Kingdom	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	25
Germany, Federal Republic of	3	1	4	—	—	15	19	105
Greece	14	4	18	—	—	6	23	66
Total other countries(e)	22	32	54	1	6	2	63	444
Total all countries	1 381	1 185	2 566	19	650	160	3 395	26 847

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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)								
2002-03	33 499	290 011	7 249	9 152	175 321	3 364	518 595	281 933
2003-04	28 615	322 546	9 333	12 398	207 970	3 457	584 319	313 948
2004-05	26 615	374 626	13 230	17 279	233 171	4 798	669 720	368 011
2004								
October	2 390	37 201	934	1 934	19 588	329	62 376	36 725
November	3 021	30 529	1 556	2 086	14 291	399	51 882	30 019
December	1 901	25 359	1 176	1 352	23 802	333	53 923	25 006
2005								
January	1 438	24 481	646	1 105	17 975	217	45 861	24 000
February	1 571	27 828	712	1 355	14 277	441	46 184	27 243
March	2 075	28 610	1 389	1 350	22 474	418	56 316	28 189
April	2 010	35 282	855	1 523	21 521	485	61 675	34 773
May	2 194	26 465	2 747	1 222	23 840	421	56 889	25 908
June	1 902	36 926	795	1 512	19 831	355	61 321	36 289
July	2 695	36 786	682	1 399	18 967	487	61 015	36 257
August	1 500	36 407	743	1 898	20 191	298	61 037	35 526
September	2 889	40 392	1 034	1 560	20 466	321	66 663	40 055
October	3 058	40 223	1 063	1 479	22 219	428	68 470	39 618
November	r3 309	r19 735	r1 120	r1 667	r21 260	r367	r47 458	r19 304
December	1 640	28 832	1 097	2 600	27 864	413	62 445	28 188
VALUE (d) (\$'000)								
2002-03	107 376	1 184 324	52 246	57 470	1 007 724	14 006	2 423 145	1 141 847
2003-04	106 839	1 165 185	61 869	74 274	1 071 017	14 474	2 493 659	1 133 062
2004-05	104 390	1 316 533	74 717	93 667	1 106 231	19 611	2 715 149	1 287 727
2004								
October	8 971	140 117	7 195	9 991	101 295	1 375	268 944	138 055
November	12 569	101 172	9 142	11 312	73 402	1 862	209 458	98 678
December	8 681	90 037	6 977	7 993	111 913	1 467	227 068	88 247
2005								
January	4 400	89 112	4 409	6 032	76 149	1 044	181 146	87 199
February	5 785	92 813	5 156	6 894	69 028	1 632	181 308	90 393
March	7 801	93 948	6 613	8 258	108 074	1 937	226 632	92 312
April	7 920	112 579	6 815	8 424	93 252	1 880	230 870	110 401
May	8 712	91 115	5 866	6 211	108 189	1 813	221 907	88 772
June	8 037	116 334	5 163	7 321	103 086	1 385	241 326	113 602
July	10 044	124 810	4 750	8 013	90 812	1 961	240 391	121 340
August	6 414	125 828	5 378	9 617	90 609	1 541	239 387	122 433
September	10 627	142 941	6 480	8 731	104 596	1 845	275 220	140 775
October	14 244	152 300	6 670	8 614	111 312	2 645	295 785	149 168
November	r14 132	r64 036	r7 779	r9 146	86 401	r1 879	r183 373	r62 451
December	6 849	92 522	7 322	11 544	119 934	1 892	240 063	90 455

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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)

	New Zealand	Italy	France	Spain	Portugal	United Kingdom	Germany, Federal Republic of	Greece	Other	Total all countries
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
2002-03	4 929	4 844	2 728	501	463	400	368	357	2 523	17 112
2003-04	5 629	4 672	3 064	564	621	20	354	313	3 501	18 737
2004-05	9 479	4 937	3 492	684	418	31	448	285	2 364	22 139
2004										
October	945	627	367	60	41	11	20	17	353	2 441
November	902	592	330	140	26	2	32	45	714	2 783
December	1 055	580	510	84	44	1	51	39	398	2 761
2005										
January	584	328	151	34	21	—	34	34	79	1 264
February	665	438	230	32	23	—	22	7	83	1 500
March	905	356	234	73	60	—	66	18	133	1 845
April	607	247	247	15	21	6	41	10	133	1 326
May	695	255	196	100	23	2	48	20	131	1 469
June	545	257	352	11	33	—	27	36	94	1 355
July	553	491	255	24	42	1	25	32	108	1 531
August	1 104	527	278	77	76	2	29	27	126	2 245
September	1 419	448	322	120	26	4	50	17	r56	r2 463
October	1 374	629	427	10	39	7	60	10	240	2 796
November	1 951	933	r690	100	71	18	39	26	r294	r4 121
December	1 963	526	496	117	185	1	19	23	63	3 395

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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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)

	WINE TYPE						
	White table	Red/Rosé table(b)	Table wine	Fortified wine	Sparkling wine	Other wine	Total wine
Period							
QUANTITY ('000 L)							
2002-03	6 446	4 624	11 070	190	3 851	2 001	17 112
2003-04	7 703	4 114	11 817	734	4 787	1 399	18 737
2004-05	10 502	4 280	14 782	253	5 187	1 918	22 139
2004							
October	1 181	419	1 600	32	700	109	2 441
November	1 340	365	1 706	20	771	286	2 783
December	1 230	486	1 716	21	750	274	2 761
2005							
January	568	217	785	25	297	156	1 264
February	530	375	905	19	367	210	1 500
March	992	344	1 336	19	363	125	1 845
April	659	321	980	16	237	93	1 326
May	727	342	1 068	19	273	109	1 469
June	725	267	991	12	234	117	1 355
July	591	355	946	16	390	180	1 531
August	1 065	543	1 608	9	536	92	2 245
September	1 436	443	r1 878	12	510	63	r2 463
October	1 177	425	1 602	9	988	198	2 796
November	r1 897	r903	r2 800	16	r987	318	r4 121
December	1 381	1 185	2 566	19	650	160	3 395
VALUE (c) (\$'000)							
2002-03	47 504	27 733	75 237	1 179	53 703	9 088	139 207
2003-04	50 345	29 541	79 886	2 065	64 995	5 459	152 405
2004-05	78 428	30 510	108 937	1 728	68 063	9 512	188 240
2004							
October	8 500	3 010	11 510	192	8 222	462	20 387
November	6 996	2 965	9 960	150	9 704	1 500	21 314
December	8 499	3 467	11 966	161	9 997	1 241	23 365
2005							
January	4 648	1 275	5 923	121	3 291	753	10 088
February	4 257	2 203	6 460	103	4 174	1 109	11 846
March	7 530	1 950	9 479	106	4 295	602	14 483
April	5 712	2 369	8 081	156	4 585	467	13 288
May	5 340	2 664	8 005	123	3 585	476	12 189
June	5 240	2 035	7 275	62	3 965	557	11 859
July	4 806	2 930	7 736	163	5 118	770	13 787
August	8 887	4 277	13 164	43	6 425	426	20 059
September	11 315	r2 877	r14 191	97	7 763	289	r22 341
October	8 451	2 799	11 251	189	10 406	1 078	22 924
November	r14 710	r4 778	r19 488	97	10 466	1 665	r31 716
December	10 640	4 620	15 260	148	10 677	762	26 847

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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 include all sales by winemakers (within the scope of the collection) with the exception of exports, sales for ships' stores, sales of imported wine and brandy and inter-winery sales, the last exclusion being necessary to avoid duplication in the published figures. From July 1998 the definition for table wine in the glass container categories changed from '1 litre and under' to 'less than 2 litres'. This series has been retained as the contribution of the over 1 litre but under 2 litres containers (such as table wine in magnum sized bottles) is believed to have been less than 1%. There is an expectation this contribution will increase in the future. This has a consequential effect for the 'other containers' category which includes glass containers 2 litres and over from July 1998 (prior to this it was glass over 1 litre). This series will also be retained.

4 From July 2000, the category 'Flavoured wine' has been changed to 'Other wine products'. This change reflects the inclusion of de-alcoholised, low and reduced alcohol wines in the category. These wine types were previously included in 'Table wine'. While it is expected that the effect on the 'Table wine' series resulting from this change will be insignificant, care should be taken in comparing 'Flavoured wine' with 'Other wine products'.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

5 Figures relating to international trade in wine and brandy are presented in tables 4–9 to provide a basis for assessing the overall wine market. ABS procedures are designed to ensure that sufficient editing is undertaken to guarantee the quality and integrity of trade statistics to at least the six-digit Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) level. After the release of monthly trade statistics, the ABS may receive a number of client requests to investigate cases of possible misreporting. Most relate to potential errors at the more detailed levels of the commodity classification. Client requests for data investigations of this type will be undertaken free of charge if data at the six-digit level of the HS are affected. Otherwise investigations will only be considered if the value of the aggregate data queried exceeds \$250,000 in each month queried, and the cost of the investigation is met by the client.

6 Imports cleared for home consumption (including re-imports, that is, goods originating in Australia that have been exported but then returned to source) comprise those goods entered for home consumption, together with goods cleared from Customs warehouses. Exports of Australian produce are defined as exports of goods, materials or articles which have been produced, manufactured or partly manufactured in Australia. Due to a change in the Customs Tariff codes implemented in July 1999 and July 2000, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

7 In order to retain stability in the time-series of data, the selection of countries for which exports and imports data has been presented has been based upon the level of annual imports or exports from the previous financial year.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

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8 The value of exports is the free on board (f.o.b.) transactions value of the goods expressed in Australian dollars. The ABS converts foreign currency f.o.b. values to Australian dollars using the exchange rate prevailing on the date of departure shown on the export manifest.

9 The value of imports is the Australian customs value. Goods are valued at the point of containerisation (in most cases) or the port of shipment, or at the customs frontier of the exporting country, whichever comes first.

10 For details of currency conversion procedures for wine export values, please refer to 2.34 and 2.35 of *International Merchandise Trade, Australia; Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2001* (cat. no. 5489.0). Goods invoiced in one of six major foreign currencies are converted to Australian dollars by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Sales in other foreign currencies are converted by the exporter to Australian dollars.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather and industrial disputes).

12 The seasonally adjusted estimates in this publication have been produced using a concurrent methodology whereby the seasonal factors are revised each month to take into account the seasonality exhibited by the latest observation. A more detailed review is conducted annually.

13 The overall degree of revision to the seasonally adjusted estimates is expected to be less on average than would be the case with annual reanalysis only. However, the nature of the seasonal adjustment process is such that the magnitude of some revisions resulting from each adjustment may be quite significant, especially towards the end of the series. For this reason additional care should be exercised when interpreting movements in seasonally adjusted data for recent months.

14 The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates of wine sales have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

15 For further information, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring Trends* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 5132.

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17 Another ABS publication which may be of interest is the *Australian Wine and Grape Industry* (cat. no. 1329.0). This is a statistical compendium of Australia's wine and grape industries containing information on: area of vines and production of grapes by region; wine production and grapes crushed by region; structure of the wine manufacturing industries; stocks of wine held by winemakers at 30 June; domestic wine sales; exports and imports of wine; price indexes of grapes and wine; consumption of wine and world comparisons.

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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, madiera, 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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