

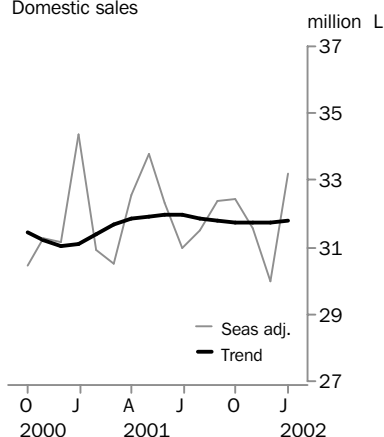


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



JANUARY KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES	Jan 2002 '000 L	% change Dec 2001 to Jan 2002	% change Jan 2001 to Jan 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	31 798	0.2	2.2
White table wine sales	16 654	-0.1	2.6
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 692	0.5	5.1

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Jan 2002 '000 L	% change Dec 2001 to Jan 2002	% change Jan 2001 to Jan 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	33 193	10.7	-3.4
White table wine sales	16 771	5.0	-13.3
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 509	12.0	14.4

JANUARY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased in January 2002 to 31.8 million litres. This represents a 0.2% increase on December 2001 and a 2.2% increase on January 2001.
- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased 0.1% on December 2001 but increased by 2.6% on January 2001.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé wine increased by 0.5% on December 2001 and by 5.1% on January 2001.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 33.2 million litres, up 10.7% on December 2001.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine increased in January by 5.0% while red/rosé table wine increased 12.0%.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 20.4 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during January, down 42.2% on December 2001.
- Total wine exports for the twelve months ended January 2002 is 21.7% higher than the corresponding period a year earlier.
- Exports of Australian produced wine for January 2002 exceeded total domestic wine sales by 1.0 million litres.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Daryl Evans on Adelaide 08 8237 7656 or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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February 2002	3 April 2002
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

A correction to the trend series in the category of 'Table Red and Rosé Wine in Soft Packs' has been implemented due to a large one-off movement which occurred in January 2002.

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DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend series for sales of white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres increased by 1.0% on December 2001 and by 7.5% on January 2001. The corresponding trend estimate for red and rosé wine is 0.3% higher than December 2001 and 2.9% higher than January 2001. This series has increased for nine consecutive months, rising 4.9% overall.

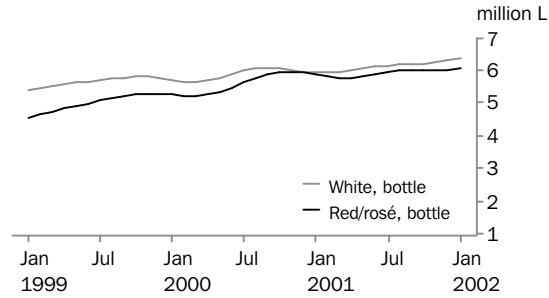
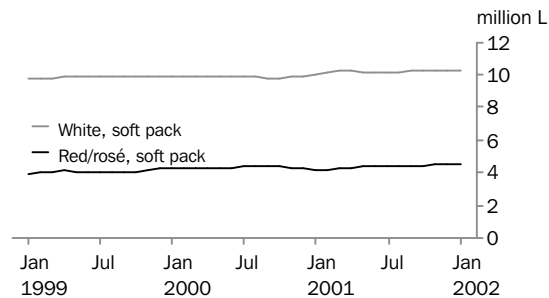


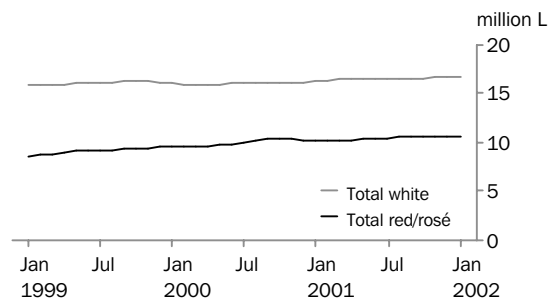
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series for sales of white table wine in soft packs has increased by 1.5% on January 2001. This series has fallen for two consecutive months, by 0.7% overall and follows five consecutive monthly increases (2.0% overall). The trend series for sales of red/rosé wine in soft packs has increased for twelve consecutive months (7.3% overall).



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

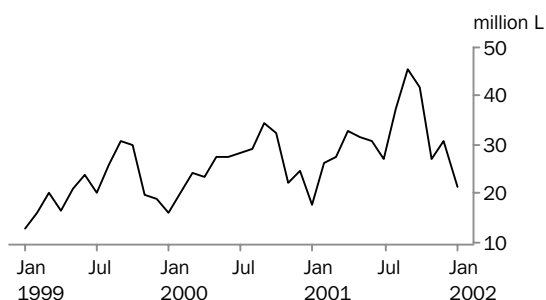
The trend series for total sales of white wine decreased slightly on December 2001, falling 0.1% after five consecutive months increases (0.9% overall). The trend estimate for total red/rosé wine sales has increased for twelve consecutive months, rising 5.1% overall.



EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

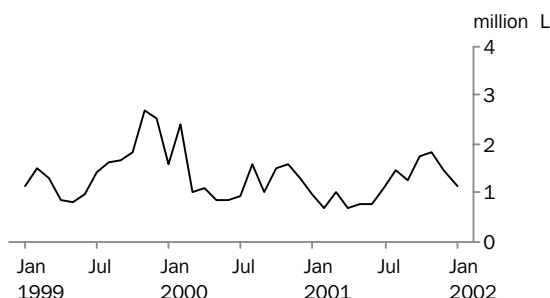
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for January 2002 shows exports of 21.4 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$99 million. The quantity and value of exports are lower than the previous month by 30.4% and 40.6% respectively. In comparison with January 2001, wine exports have increased in quantity and value by 21.0% and 2.5% respectively. The average value of Australian wine exported in January 2002 was \$4.64 per litre, down from \$5.48 per litre in January 2001.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for January 2002 shows that 1.1 million litres of wine was imported, down 22.2% on December 2001 and up 16.8% on January 2001. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in January 2002 was \$6.92 per litre, up from \$6.64 per litre in January 2001.



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

Original data for the December quarter 2001 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 1.2% on the same quarter in 2000. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased 0.7% and wine imports increased 15.3%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased 11.0% over the same period in 2000 with exports rising 25.5%.

Period	A Domestic sales of Australian produced wine '000 L	B Wine imports cleared for home consumption '000 L	A + B Wine available for consumption '000 L	C Exports of Australian produced wine '000 L	A + C Total disposals of Australian produced wine '000 L
1998 -1999	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
1999-2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
2000-2001	384 847	12 773	397 620	338 289	723 136
Dec Qtr 2000	111 177	4 391	115 568	79 468	190 645
Dec Qtr 2001	111 941	r5 064	117 005	r99 732	r211 673

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

Period	TABLE-WHITE WINE.....				TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ WINE.....				
	Total wine '000 L	Glass less than 2 litres(a) '000 L	Soft packs(b) '000 L	Other containers(c) '000 L	Total '000 L	Glass less than 2 litres(a) '000 L	Soft packs(b) '000 L	Other containers(c) '000 L	Total '000 L
ORIGINAL									
1998-1999	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
2000-2001	384 847	74 123	122 452	3 189	199 763	70 506	53 538	1 517	125 560
2000-2001									
January	20 307	4 767	7 410	201	12 378	3 022	2 023	56	5 101
February	25 456	5 244	9 407	248	14 899	4 360	3 096	144	7 601
March	31 446	6 102	11 192	183	17 477	5 363	4 450	77	9 890
April	28 910	5 510	9 683	339	15 532	5 394	3 936	118	9 447
May	33 763	5 668	10 318	306	16 292	6 533	5 886	271	12 690
June	32 213	5 242	9 854	345	15 441	6 689	5 319	302	12 309
2001-2002									
July	32 741	5 977	9 948	81	16 006	6 697	5 560	30	12 287
August	32 205	6 134	9 695	99	15 928	6 680	5 081	32	11 794
September	32 043	6 360	9 942	92	16 394	6 476	4 420	190	11 085
October	34 782	6 476	11 330	291	18 097	6 151	4 746	111	11 008
November	41 922	8 961	12 841	156	21 958	7 742	4 955	34	12 732
December	35 237	7 307	10 950	240	18 497	5 754	4 196	129	10 078
January	20 365	4 624	6 449	92	11 165	3 263	2 747	14	6 024
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2000-2001									
January	34 370	7 345	11 987	n.a.	19 343	6 071	4 090	n.a.	10 063
February	30 931	6 087	9 587	n.a.	15 866	6 028	4 017	n.a.	10 157
March	30 535	5 759	9 974	n.a.	15 916	5 203	4 436	n.a.	9 929
April	32 564	6 019	10 168	n.a.	16 757	5 785	4 348	n.a.	10 376
May	33 777	6 175	10 508	n.a.	16 931	5 953	5 534	n.a.	11 684
June	32 312	6 120	9 912	n.a.	16 490	6 145	4 462	n.a.	10 772
2001-2002									
July	30 986	6 198	10 285	n.a.	16 567	5 735	4 449	n.a.	10 180
August	31 501	6 031	9 476	n.a.	15 623	5 910	4 261	n.a.	10 276
September	32 373	6 373	10 328	n.a.	16 870	6 233	4 401	n.a.	10 865
October	32 428	6 064	10 865	n.a.	17 129	6 016	4 703	n.a.	10 772
November	31 567	6 560	10 481	n.a.	16 916	6 225	4 380	n.a.	10 491
December	29 997	5 605	9 943	n.a.	15 972	5 701	4 353	n.a.	10 274
January	33 193	6 917	10 068	n.a.	16 771	6 197	5 419	n.a.	11 509
TREND ESTIMATES									
2000-2001									
January	31 109	5 931	10 090	n.a.	16 231	5 898	4 202	n.a.	10 171
February	31 398	5 936	10 211	n.a.	16 396	5 845	4 205	n.a.	10 175
March	31 701	5 966	10 268	n.a.	16 524	5 804	4 249	n.a.	10 218
April	31 850	6 015	10 230	n.a.	16 559	5 784	4 302	n.a.	10 268
May	31 931	6 062	10 155	n.a.	16 535	5 807	4 353	n.a.	10 344
June	31 994	6 121	10 103	n.a.	16 514	5 879	4 392	n.a.	10 435
2001-2002									
July	31 966	6 159	10 110	n.a.	16 511	5 965	4 411	n.a.	10 502
August	31 873	6 177	10 168	n.a.	16 529	6 020	4 421	n.a.	10 536
September	31 770	6 186	10 239	n.a.	16 567	6 035	4 436	n.a.	10 554
October	31 722	6 209	10 291	n.a.	16 615	6 040	4 455	n.a.	10 578
November	31 712	6 252	10 309	n.a.	16 652	6 048	4 473	n.a.	10 609
December	31 721	6 311	10 294	n.a.	16 663	6 050	4 488	n.a.	10 637
January	31 798	6 375	10 238	n.a.	16 654	6 066	4 507	n.a.	10 692

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

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

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

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DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

Period	Table	Fortified	Sparkling bottle fermentation(a)	Sparkling bulk fermentation(a)	Carbonated	Other wine products(b)	Vermouth	Brandy(c)
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L al
1998-1999	287 398	23 920	20 292	12 325	1 447	2 141	824	905
1999-2000	307 091	22 991	18 220	14 352	3 514	2 352	754	837
2000-2001	325 325	22 185	16 706	13 952	3 292	3 011	372	901
2000-2001								
January	17 479	1 032	724	634	207	195	35	83
February	22 500	1 260	730	595	208	134	28	80
March	27 367	1 581	1 020	973	265	211	29	81
April	24 980	1 804	866	791	223	219	28	29
May	28 982	2 426	967	858	256	243	31	54
June	27 751	2 274	868	844	223	232	20	79
2001-2002								
July	28 293	2 063	995	889	240	237	25	72
August	27 721	1 829	1 150	992	283	200	30	65
September	27 479	1 716	1 284	1 121	228	189	26	52
October	29 105	1 738	1 934	1 447	326	201	31	70
November	34 690	1 878	2 854	1 853	368	252	27	77
December	28 576	1 694	2 405	1 881	398	254	29	79
January	17 189	1 202	910	604	222	215	23	45

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

(c) Quantities on which excise duty was paid.

(b) From July 2000, the 'Flavoured wine' category has been changed to include wine cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines, flavoured wine, de-alcoholised wine and low and reduced alcohol wines. See Explanatory Note 4.

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DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

Period	Sherry in glass less than 2 litres	Port in glass less than 2 litres	Other in glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs	All other containers(b)	Total fortified
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1998-1999	2 792	5 226	465	7 906	7 532	23 920
1999-2000	2 549	5 008	341	7 796	7 293	22 991
2000-2001	2 327	4 674	353	8 160	6 674	22 185
2000-2001						
January	138	187	20	376	311	1 032
February	152	203	22	460	423	1 260
March	144	279	20	638	500	1 581
April	194	334	22	693	562	1 804
May	290	514	33	908	682	2 426
June	203	421	32	878	740	2 274
2001-2002						
July	168	386	29	913	567	2 063
August	195	407	33	706	487	1 829
September	157	340	29	696	495	1 716
October	180	316	29	670	543	1 738
November	213	474	37	684	471	1 878
December	220	412	33	588	441	1 694
January	147	187	19	401	448	1 202

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

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

IMPORTS CLEARED & EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND BRANDY

Period	WINE TYPE(a).....						TOTAL WINE.....		BRANDY.....	
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value
	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000	'000L	\$'000
IMPORTS (c) (d)										
1998-1999	n.a.	n.a.	20 136	92	2 915	1 113	24 255	102 498	598	7 528
1999-2000	3 795	10 304	14 099	685	3 827	995	19 607	113 868	577	7 328
2000-2001	3 318	4 800	8 118	106	2 913	1 637	12 773	92 211	504	7 575
2000-2001										
November	435	512	947	12	424	195	1 578	11 350	60	811
December	332	466	798	14	302	200	1 314	9 925	49	1 048
January	252	377	629	7	188	145	970	6 445	60	895
February	180	282	462	3	139	77	680	4 817	43	546
March	235	503	738	25	130	134	1 026	5 887	14	365
April	129	341	469	8	72	129	678	4 279	22	373
May	145	289	434	8	97	221	760	5 228	31	535
June	236	266	502	3	171	92	769	6 016	43	615
2001-2002										
July	303	302	605	19	274	206	1 104	8 635	50	703
August	636	414	1 050	15	255	136	1 457	10 387	39	638
September	499	405	904	13	203	147	1 267	10 368	54	711
October	455	448	903	43	637	176	1 759	15 554	65	874
November	513	666	1 179	20	478	171	1 849	15 874	66	978
December	r374	455	r 829	34	362	231	r1 456	r12 121	51	1 012
January	404	321	725	15	191	202	1 133	7 840	59	920
EXPORTS (e)										
1998-1999	105 348	100 940	206 287	2 244	6 937	681	216 149	1 067 979	24	246
1999-2000	129 586	143 256	272 842	2 287	9 088	717	284 935	1 372 768	19	243
2000-2001	148 273	180 347	328 620	2 032	6 546	1 091	338 289	1 752 082	19	286
2000-2001										
November	10 088	11 250	21 338	146	655	183	22 323	113 866	—	13
December	11 098	12 844	23 941	144	365	45	24 496	131 002	—	—
January	7 124	10 224	17 348	116	169	55	17 689	96 917	3	61
February	11 196	14 612	25 808	224	229	74	26 336	136 063	1	17
March	10 333	16 714	27 047	171	325	65	27 609	152 106	1	29
April	13 977	18 188	32 165	159	401	91	32 816	174 896	3	24
May	13 341	17 382	30 723	192	592	64	31 571	165 746	1	8
June	13 241	16 969	30 210	132	462	71	30 875	161 017	2	11
2001-2002										
July	11 856	14 244	26 100	176	655	51	26 982	r140 997	2	17
August	16 995	18 940	35 935	268	867	106	37 177	r183 701	—	1
September	r21 278	r22 436	r43 713	r 227	958	558	r45 456	r216 114	—	4
October	17 798	r22 426	r40 224	273	r1 075	92	r41 664	r203 597	1	17
November	r12 171	r14 163	r26 334	179	768	r 35	r27 317	r133 074	1	9
December	r12 679	r17 335	r30 014	r 135	r 436	166	r30 751	r167 212	5	24
January	9 077	11 910	20 986	136	266	20	21 408	99 358	—	13

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(a) Due to change in the Customs Tariff codes implemented in July 1999 and July 2000, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

(c) See Explanatory Notes 6 and 7.

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

(b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(d) Imports cleared for home consumption, see Explanatory Note 5.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, January 2002

Country/Region	WINE TYPE.....						TOTAL WINE.....	
	White table	Red/rosé table(c)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(d)
	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000
Cook Islands	3	4	7	—	1	—	7	37
Fiji	7	8	16	1	6	—	23	164
New Zealand	1 569	1 368	2 938	3	63	8	3 012	5 153
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 586	1 391	2 977	4	72	8	3 062	5 480
Denmark	84	372	456	—	—	—	456	1 518
France	202	287	489	—	2	—	491	1 076
Germany, Federal Republic of	125	386	511	—	—	—	511	1 771
Ireland	147	178	325	—	—	—	325	1 984
Netherlands	98	204	302	—	1	1	304	1 385
United Kingdom	4 578	4 022	8 600	47	104	1	8 752	36 818
Total European Union	5 388	5 765	11 153	56	108	2	11 319	46 810
Norway	2	66	68	—	—	—	68	313
Switzerland	106	190	295	—	—	—	295	2 160
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	5 508	6 050	11 558	56	108	2	11 725	49 485
Bahrain	15	12	27	—	1	—	28	55
United Arab Emirates	25	26	52	—	2	—	54	168
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	47	45	92	—	3	—	95	247
Malaysia	16	79	95	1	4	—	100	698
Singapore	38	92	130	1	4	1	135	1 119
Total Southeast Asia (a)	89	270	359	2	11	1	372	2 407
Hong Kong	46	97	143	—	6	1	149	1 333
Japan	91	171	262	19	5	—	286	1 711
Total Northeast Asia (a)	169	333	502	19	13	4	538	3 452
Canada	325	851	1 175	19	29	4	1 227	9 233
United States of America	1 328	2 932	4 260	36	29	—	4 325	28 595
Total Northern America (a)	1 659	3 787	5 446	54	58	4	5 562	37 886
Total Other Regions (b)	20	33	53	—	1	1	55	401
Total All Countries	9 077	11 910	20 986	136	266	20	21 408	99 358

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

(b) Includes ships' stores.

(c) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(d) Free on board value, see Explanatory Note 6.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY REGION(a)

	<i>Oceania & Antarctica</i>	<i>Europe & the Former USSR</i>	<i>Middle East & North Africa</i>	<i>Southeast Asia</i>	<i>Northeast Asia</i>	<i>Northern America</i>	<i>Other(b)</i>	<i>Total all regions</i>
<i>Period</i>	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1998-1999	23 660	133 143	858	4 298	7 664	45 939	587	216 149
1999-2000	22 219	186 398	1 112	4 839	8 208	61 519	639	284 935
2000-2001	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	338 289
2000-2001								
November	3 266	11 326	110	517	597	6 376	131	22 323
December	1 021	13 367	93	634	737	8 532	111	24 496
January	922	9 947	165	309	669	5 627	50	17 689
February	1 159	16 329	109	771	601	7 245	122	26 336
March	1 474	16 889	129	521	692	7 795	108	27 609
April	1 259	23 570	121	580	545	6 659	82	32 816
May	1 927	20 270	84	400	726	8 092	73	31 571
June	1 998	19 384	170	472	935	7 810	106	30 875
2001-2002								
July	2 028	18 054	101	432	639	5 618	111	26 982
August	2 434	25 620	148	517	983	7 402	72	37 177
September	r3 782	30 656	79	532	1 041	9 300	68	r45 456
October	r3 618	r27 353	58	691	859	8 999	85	r41 664
November	r2 679	r15 544	105	r 723	857	r7 317	91	r27 317
December	r1 508	r16 193	235	r 450	r 640	r11 692	33	r30 751
January	3 062	11 725	95	372.0	538	5 562	55	21 408

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

(b) Includes ships' stores.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 The information on domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained from winemaking enterprises with sales of 250,000 litres or more in the previous financial year. These account for approximately 96% 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 4–6 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.

6 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.

7 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.

8 For further information on the compilation of Trade Statistics refer to explanatory notes contained in *International Merchandise Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 5422.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

9 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).

10 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.

11 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.

12 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.

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

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ROUNDING

17 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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