

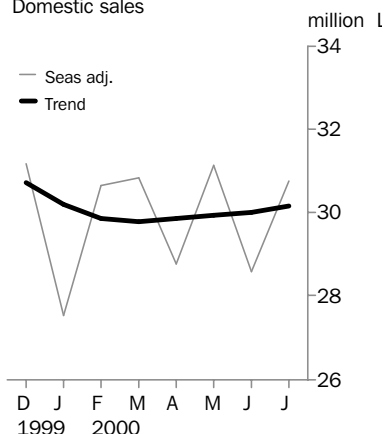


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



JULY KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Jul 2000 '000 L	% change Jun 2000 to Jul 2000	% change Jul 1999 to Jul 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	30 167	0.6	-2.5
White table wine sales	15 833	0.5	-2.3
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 474	-0.2	2.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Jul 2000 '000 L	% change Jun 2000 to Jul 2000	% change Jul 1999 to Jul 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	30 780	7.7	10.4
White table wine sales	17 005	20.5	14.3
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 651	5.4	11.9

JULY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased in July 2000 to 30.2 million litres. The July estimate was 0.6% higher than June but 2.5% lower than July 1999.
- The trend estimate for white table wine increased by 0.5% over June but has decreased by 2.3% since July 1999.
- The trend estimate for red/rosé table wine decreased by 0.2% from June but has risen by 2.6% on July 1999.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine was 30.8 million litres, up 7.7% on June and 10.4% on July 1999.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine was up 20.5% on June 2000 and 14.3% on July 1999, while the estimate for red/rosé table wine increased 5.4% and 11.9% respectively.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 33.0 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during July 2000, up 14.4% on June and by 1.6% on July 1999.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Helen Shannon on Adelaide 08 8237 7420 or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This issue contains changes to the presentation of both domestic sales and international trade data.

In Table 2 the wine category 'Flavoured Wine' has been changed to 'Other wine products' to reflect the inclusion of low alcohol wines - refer to the footnote on that table for further detail.

International trade data in tables 4 and 5 now contain separate details for white wine and red/rosé wine.

The basis of valuation for international trade statistics was not affected by the introduction of the Goods and Services tax from 1 July 2000. Imports are shown at Customs Value, which is before the imposition of duties or taxes. This is consistent with international standards.

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DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The July trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres was 1.6% higher than in July 1999 and 24.7% higher than July 1997. Higher growth was recorded for the trend estimate for red/rosé in glass containers less than 2 litres, up 4.2% on July 1999 and 46.8% on July 1997.

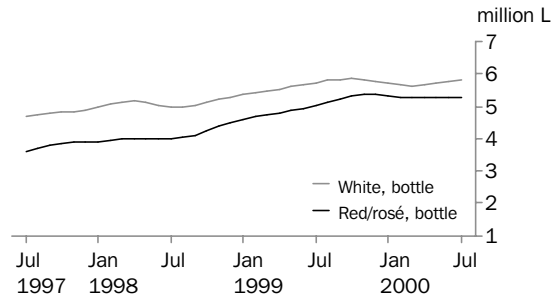
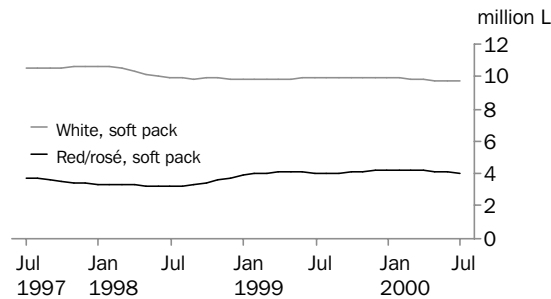


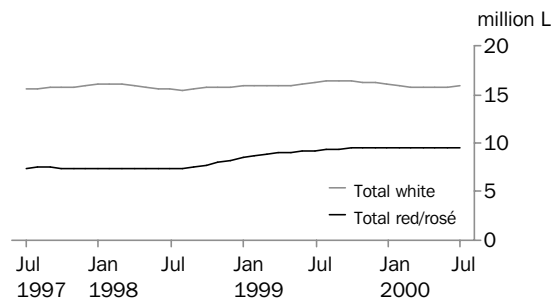
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in July for white table wine in soft packs was 2.2% lower than in July 1999 and 7.3% lower than in July 1997. The July estimate for red/rosé table wine in soft packs remained virtually unchanged from July 1999 but was 9.2% higher than July 1997.



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

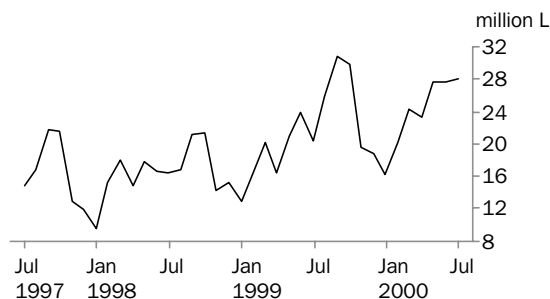
The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine was 2.3% lower than in July 1999 but was 2.1% higher than in July 1997. The trend estimate for total red/rosé has increased by 2.6% since July 1999 and by 27.9% since July 1997.



EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

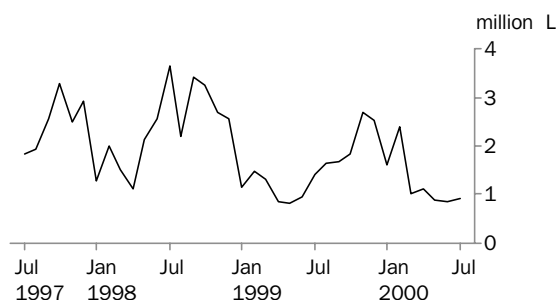
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for July 2000 shows exports of 28.0 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$143.3m. This volume is 1.3% up on June 2000 and up 37.6% on July 1999. The average value of Australian produced wine exported was \$5.12 per litre compared with \$4.81 per litre in July 1999.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for July shows that 0.9 million litres of wine was imported, up 9.5% on June 2000 but down 35.3% on July 1999. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in July 2000 was \$5.95 per litre up from \$5.68 per litre in July 1999.



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

Original data for the June quarter 2000 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia decreased by 4.3% on the same quarter in 1999. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased by 4.6% while the volume of wine imported increased 8.2%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 8.8% over the same period in 1999 driven by a 28.2% rise in exports.

Period	A Domestic sales of Australian produced wine '000 L	B Wine imports cleared for home consumption '000 L	A + B Wine available for consumption '000 L	C Exports of Australian produced wine '000 L	A + C Total disposals of Australian produced wine '000 L
1996-1997	338 814	25 622	364 436	192 404	531 218
1997-1998	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
1998-1999	369 271	19 607	388 878	r 284 930	r 654 201
June Qtr 1999	88 471	2 607	91 078	61 413	149 884
June Qtr 2000	84 369	2 821	87 190	r 78 740	r 163 109

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									
1997-1998	338 814	59 352	125 269	4 888	189 512	46 746	41 295	868	88 909
1998-1999	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
1999-2000									
July	32 459	5 660	9 871	370	15 900	6 521	5 094	37	11 652
August	30 285	5 454	9 637	409	15 500	5 507	4 557	48	10 112
September	31 728	5 801	9 973	562	16 337	5 477	4 170	41	9 689
October	35 588	6 635	10 897	528	18 060	5 667	4 201	71	9 939
November	38 501	7 549	10 838	783	19 170	6 306	4 330	194	10 831
December	41 409	8 293	12 351	806	21 451	5 522	4 744	78	10 344
January	16 444	3 481	5 935	385	9 802	2 530	1 928	47	4 505
February	26 343	5 109	10 115	327	15 551	4 224	3 552	38	7 813
March	32 145	6 243	11 824	317	18 384	5 315	4 603	67	9 984
April	26 148	5 143	8 744	146	14 033	4 778	3 661	24	8 463
May	29 399	5 236	9 389	323	14 948	5 710	4 411	46	10 167
June	28 822	4 767	8 835	304	13 906	5 912	4 555	87	10 554
2000-2001									
July	32 972	5 906	10 622	95	16 623	6 441	5 238	44	11 723
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1999-2000									
July	27 893	5 401	9 183	n.a.	14 881	4 841	3 806	n.a.	8 623
August	32 194	5 770	10 343	n.a.	16 861	4 985	4 268	n.a.	9 421
September	31 501	5 906	10 071	n.a.	16 567	5 318	3 937	n.a.	9 319
October	32 996	5 886	10 429	n.a.	16 919	5 500	4 222	n.a.	9 757
November	31 235	6 062	9 292	n.a.	15 867	5 520	4 013	n.a.	9 532
December	31 174	5 848	9 951	n.a.	16 280	5 151	4 331	n.a.	9 443
January	27 527	5 238	9 518	n.a.	15 292	5 199	3 909	n.a.	9 192
February	30 654	5 744	10 394	n.a.	16 183	5 624	4 339	n.a.	9 931
March	30 830	5 796	10 420	n.a.	16 358	5 273	4 757	n.a.	9 737
April	28 794	5 523	9 261	n.a.	15 151	4 794	3 955	n.a.	9 263
May	31 161	5 918	10 161	n.a.	16 493	5 555	4 215	n.a.	9 718
June	28 586	5 458	8 444	n.a.	14 111	5 340	3 832	n.a.	9 159
2000-2001									
July	30 780	6 024	10 680	n.a.	17 005	5 201	4 209	n.a.	9 651
TREND ESTIMATES									
1999-2000									
July	30 939	5 733	9 935	n.a.	16 202	5 050	4 075	n.a.	9 237
August	31 282	5 800	9 954	n.a.	16 323	5 145	4 072	n.a.	9 307
September	31 479	5 842	9 943	n.a.	16 376	5 235	4 067	n.a.	9 370
October	31 472	5 854	9 931	n.a.	16 367	5 323	4 085	n.a.	9 443
November	31 186	5 825	9 919	n.a.	16 273	5 374	4 129	n.a.	9 510
December	30 729	5 771	9 932	n.a.	16 152	5 376	4 190	n.a.	9 559
January	30 224	5 703	9 932	n.a.	15 998	5 340	4 244	n.a.	9 573
February	29 866	5 650	9 908	n.a.	15 857	5 293	4 269	n.a.	9 563
March	29 795	5 645	9 874	n.a.	15 789	5 268	4 260	n.a.	9 554
April	29 866	5 674	9 813	n.a.	15 753	5 263	4 220	n.a.	9 540
May	29 943	5 717	9 746	n.a.	15 736	5 264	4 164	n.a.	9 515
June	30 002	5 764	9 702	n.a.	15 750	5 269	4 106	n.a.	9 490
2000-2001									
July	30 167	5 824	9 714	n.a.	15 833	5 264	4 073	n.a.	9 474

(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 a/l
1997-1998	278 422	24 574	22 310	8 759	1 641	2 145	963	974
1998-1999	287 398	23 920	20 292	12 325	1 447	2 141	824	905
1999-2000	307 091	22 991	18 220	14 352	3 514	2 352	754	837
1999-2000								
July	27 552	2 396	1 269	896	n.p.	226	n.p.	69
August	25 612	2 062	1 264	860	n.p.	182	n.p.	73
September	26 025	1 781	1 870	1 559	260	171	62	74
October	27 999	1 755	2 857	2 230	430	204	114	72
November	30 000	2 083	3 169	2 515	460	235	38	40
December	31 795	2 367	3 640	2 800	537	234	37	177
January	14 306	867	560	280	195	152	84	51
February	23 364	1 444	617	401	218	163	137	63
March	28 368	1 717	851	663	323	192	31	43
April	22 495	1 663	797	724	256	153	60	52
May	25 115	2 342	701	762	234	218	28	43
June	24 460	2 514	625	662	231	222	108	81
2000-2001								
July	28 346	2 198	941	875	252	302	57	34

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

(c) Quantities in 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	Shery 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
1997-1998	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	24 574
1998-1999	2 792	5 226	465	7 906	7 532	23 920
1999-2000	2 549	5 008	341	7 796	7 293	22 991
1999-2000						
July	272	582	44	823	675	2 396
August	195	401	30	693	743	2 062
September	196	404	27	617	536	1 781
October	208	398	30	592	527	1 755
November	232	543	25	652	632	2 083
December	284	672	35	635	741	2 367
January	116	177	14	277	282	867
February	152	224	15	525	529	1 444
March	174	339	25	688	490	1 717
April	177	300	28	628	529	1 663
May	288	485	33	813	722	2 342
June	255	483	35	853	887	2 514
2000-2001						
July	192	451	32	874	649	2 198

(a) Includes muscat, maderia, 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 al	'000
IMPORTS(c)(d)										
1997-1998	n.a.	n.a.	21 447	135	2 996	1 044	25 622	92 926	661	7 861
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	r14 099	685	3 827	r 995	19 607	113 866	577	7 328
1998-1999										
May	n.a.	n.a.	543	10	150	102	805	5 609	50	622
June	n.a.	n.a.	647	10	195	110	962	6 499	50	617
1999-2000										
July	234	836	r1 071	66	248	r 39	1 423	8 083	47	499
August	256	1 010	r1 267	92	229	r 40	1 628	9 099	58	736
September	396	619	r1 016	70	443	r 135	1 664	11 256	53	633
October	349	891	r1 241	39	478	r 69	1 827	13 318	47	590
November	321	1 363	r1 684	44	832	r 134	2 693	16 372	42	487
December	596	1 191	r1 787	77	531	r 124	2 519	18 362	89	1 289
January	219	1 059	r1 277	50	192	r 80	1 599	5 963	45	540
February	299	1 732	r2 031	39	259	r 77	2 406	8 247	33	588
March	303	453	r 755	52	156	r 62	1 026	6 131	37	519
April	362	437	r 798	71	140	r 99	1 108	5 797	42	438
May	227	366	r 592	53	162	r 65	873	6 005	36	392
June	233	347	r 580	31	158	r 71	840	5 234	49	617
2000-2001										
July	258	382	640	6	174	100	920	5 474	24	234
EXPORTS(e)										
1997-1998	98 045	84 979	183 024	2 505	6 110	764	192 404	873 847	26	385
1998-1999	105 348	100 940	206 287	2 244	6 937	681	216 149	1 067 979	24	246
1999-2000	129 586	143 252	r272 837	r2 287	9 088	717	r284 930	r1 372 697	19	r 243
1998-1999										
May	10 027	10 100	20 126	208	572	16	20 922	103 325	2	17
June	12 471	10 310	22 781	167	1 031	14	23 993	107 234	3	24
1999-2000										
July	10 067	9 122	19 189	153	930	93	20 364	97 915	1	37
August	11 816	12 429	24 246	190	1 352	176	25 962	124 285	5	22
September	13 766	15 452	29 218	248	1 294	26	30 786	143 734	1	9
October	14 974	13 280	28 254	172	r1 397	45	r29 868	r139 399	2	40
November	9 236	9 555	r18 791	260	586	41	r19 678	90 895	—	11
December	8 561	9 715	18 276	194	334	20	18 824	91 606	2	24
January	7 893	7 982	r15 876	83	252	47	r16 257	r75 388	5	32
February	7 857	11 730	r19 587	268	263	45	r20 163	r105 441	—	5
March	10 869	12 907	23 776	207	278	26	24 286	120 506	1	26
April	9 906	12 816	22 723	150	362	117	23 352	r123 746	—	1
May	12 142	13 827	r25 969	170	1 541	57	r27 737	r129 540	1	17
June	12 499	14 435	r26 934	r 192	r 499	25	r27 651	r130 242	1	r20
2000-2001										
July	12 734	14 518	27 252	152	536	78	28 017	143 327	3	61

(a) Due to changes 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, July 2000

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
New Caledonia	5	15	20	—	4	—	23	52
New Zealand	1 107	717	1 824	15	24	29	1 892	5 891
Papua New Guinea	14	19	33	1	8	0	43	212
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 139	759	1 898	16	39	29	1 983	6 281
Denmark	177	221	398	1	—	—	399	1 616
Germany, Federal Republic of	279	689	968	—	—	—	968	3 885
Ireland	244	268	512	0	6	3	521	3 113
Netherlands	478	559	1 037	0	—	—	1 038	4 826
Sweden	260	194	454	—	16	—	471	1 717
United Kingdom	6 435	6 311	12 746	64	339	11	13 160	60 188
Total European Union	8 205	8 667	16 872	66	371	14	17 323	78 716
Norway	56	95	151	—	—	—	151	607
Switzerland	52	148	200	—	14	0	214	1 503
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	8 313	8 909	17 222	66	385	14	17 687	80 826
Israel	4	16	20	—	1	—	21	139
United Arab Emirates	37	32	68	1	5	1	75	307
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	61	72	133	1	10	1	144	532
Malaysia	32	47	79	—	0	8	86	698
Singapore	92	119	211	1	4	3	219	1 751
Total Southeast Asia (a)	166	212	377	1	8	11	397	2 949
Hong Kong	46	92	138	0	9	1	148	1 102
Japan	154	122	276	—	31	9	315	1 923
Total Northeast Asia (a)	216	252	469	0	41	10	520	3 453
Canada	403	830	1 234	48	26	—	1 308	7 941
United States of America	2 412	3 456	5 868	20	26	13	5 927	40 993
Total Northern America (a)	2 815	4 287	7 102	68	52	13	7 235	48 934
Total Other Regions (b)	24	27	51	0	1	—	52	354
Total All Countries	12 734	14 518	27 252	152	536	78	28 017	143 327

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

(c) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(b) Includes ships' stores.

(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
1997-1998	23 382	115 654	1 266	2 830	9 245	39 562	466	192 404
1998-1999	23 660	133 143	858	4 298	7 664	45 939	587	216 149
1999-2000	r 22 218	r 186 395	1 112	r 4 839	r 8 208	r 61 519	r 639	r 284 930
1998-1999								
May	1 159	13 686	89	389	691	4 842	66	20 922
June	2 900	15 193	113	369	565	4 725	129	23 993
1999-2000								
July	2 102	13 657	78	333	622	3 538	35	20 364
August	1 799	18 988	77	390	410	4 256	42	25 962
September	2 722	22 367	71	352	620	4 594	60	30 786
October	2 680	21 372	47	r 394	592	4 757	27	r 29 868
November	2 959	9 358	115	541	869	r 5 720	116	r 19 678
December	1 223	11 331	58	488	740	4 940	43	18 824
January	923	10 089	126	383	620	r 4 079	37	r 16 257
February	1 135	11 132	116	346	504	6 877	53	r 20 163
March	1 360	16 109	80	426	586	5 704	21	24 286
April	913	14 308	106	437	878	6 649	61	23 352
May	r 2 831	r 18 092	159	375	747	5 458	76	r 27 737
June	r 1 570	r 19 593	79	r 374	r 1 020	r 4 947	68	r 27 651
2000-2001								
July	1 983	17 687	144	397	520	7 235	52	28 017

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

(b) Includes ships' stores.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

2 The information on domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained from winemaking enterprises with sales of 250,000 litres or more in the previous financial year. These account for approximately 95% of total wine sales. All sales data are collected on an Australia-wide basis only and State figures are therefore not available.

3 Tables 1–3 include all sales by winemakers (within the scope of the collection) with the exception of exports, sales for ships' stores, sales of imported wine and brandy and inter-winery sales, the last exclusion being necessary to avoid duplication in the published figures. From July 1998 the definition for table wine in the glass container categories changed from '1 litre and under' to 'less than 2 litres'. This series has been retained as the contribution of the over 1 litre but under 2 litres containers (such as table wine in magnum sized bottles) is believed to have been less than 1%. There is an expectation this contribution will increase in the future. This has a consequential effect for the 'other containers' category which includes glass containers 2 litres and over from July 1998 (prior to this it was glass over 1 litre). This series will also be retained.

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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