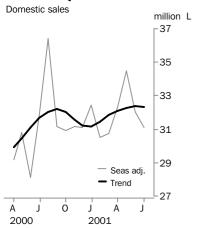
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# SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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#### **Australian produced wine**



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Jul 2001 '000 L	% change Jun 2001 to Jul 2001	% change Jul 2000 to Jul 2001	
32 297	-0.2	2.0	
16 307	-0.5	-0.9	
10 769	0.3	8.3	
• • • • • •	% change	% change	
Jul 2001 '000 L	•	J	
31 104	-2.8	-2.4	
16 391	1.4	-6.3	
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# JULY KEY POINTS

#### TREND ESTIMATES

Red and rosé table wine sales

• The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased in July 2001 to 32.3 million litres. The July estimate was 0.2% lower than in June but 2.0% higher than July 2000.

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- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased 0.5% on June 2001 and by 0.9% on July 2000.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé wine increased on June by 0.3% and by 8.3% on July 2000.

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine was 31.1 million litres, down 2.8% on June 2001. The fall over the last two months has been 9.8%.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine increased by 1.4% but red/rosé wine decreased 4.4% on June 2001.

#### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 32.7 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during July, up 1.6% on June 2001.
- Total domestic wine sales exceeded Australian wine exports by 6.0 million litres in July 2001.

■ 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	ISSUE

 August 2001
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#### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This issue contains revisions to the domestic wine sales of red and white table wine for the months of January to June 2001. The revisions are the result of revised figures in the 'Other containers' category being provided by a respondent to the collection.

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Acting Australian Statistician

TABLE WINE, GLASS
CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend series for white table wine sales in glass containers less than 2 litres is  $0.1\,\%$  lower than June and down by 0.6% on July 2000. The July 2001 result is the lowest since June 2000. The corresponding trend estimate for red and rosé wine is 0.6% higher than June and up 5.0% on July 2000. This series has increased for three consecutive months (rising 1.4% overall), following a 3.1% fall over the previous five months.

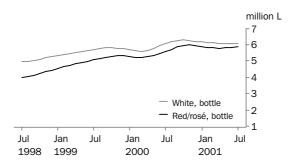
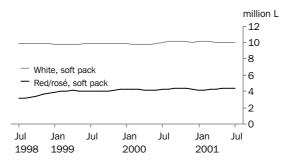


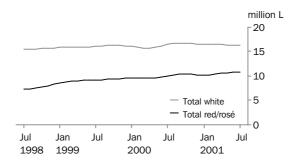
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series for sales of white table wine in soft packs has decreased for five consecutive months, by 1.3% overall. The trend series for sales of red/rosé wine in soft packs has increased for five consecutive months rising 5.2% overall.



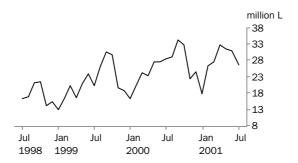
TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend series for total white table wine has decreased for five consecutive months, falling 1.6% overall. The trend estimate for total red/rosé wine has increased for six consecutive months, rising 5.5% overall.



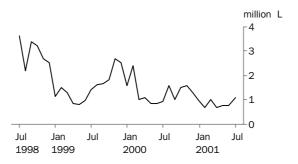
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for July 2001 shows exports of 26.8 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$139.8 million. The volume and value are lower than the previous month by 13.8% and 14.1% respectively. In comparison to July 2000, wine exports have decreased in quantity and value by 5.7% and 4.0% respectively. The average value of Australian wine exported in July 2001 was \$5.22 per litre, up from \$5.13 per litre in July 2000. Exports of wine to Northern America fell 2.3 million litres (28.2%) while exports to Europe and the Former USSR fell 1.6 million litres (8.3%).



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for July 2001 shows that 1.1 million litres of wine was imported, up 43.6% on June and 20.0% on July 2000. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in July was \$7.82 per litre, up from \$5.95 per litre in July 2000.



DISPOSALS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND WINE AVAILABLE FOR CONSUMPTION IN AUSTRALIA Original data for the June quarter 2001 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 11.4% on the same quarter in 2000. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased 12.5% while wine imports decreased 21.8%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased 16.7% over the same period in 2000 with exports rising by 21.2%.

	A Domestic sales of Australian produced wine	B Wine imports cleared for home consumption	A + B Wine available for consumption	C Exports of Australian produced wine	A + C Total disposals of Australian produced wine
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1998–1999	348 349	r24 255	r372 604	216 149	564 498
1999–2000	369 271	r19 607	r388 878	284 935	654 206
2000–2001	r384 102	r12 773	r396 875	r338 495	r722 597
June Qtr 2000	84 369	2 821	87 190	78 746	163 115
June Qtr 2001	r94 886	2 207	r97 093	r95 469	r190 355



		TABLE-WHITE WINE				TABLE-RED AND ROSE WINE				
	Total wine	Glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs(b)	Other containers(c)	Total	Glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs(b)	Other containers(c)	Total	
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	
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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	r 384 102	74 123	121 707	r 3 189	r 199 019	70 506	53 538	r 1 517	r 125 560	
2000-2001										
July	32 972	5 906	10 622	95	16 623	6 441	5 238	44	11 723	
August	35 963	6 787	11 100	239	18 127	7 095	5 260	73	12 428	
September	32 640	6 513	9 523	312	16 348	6 256	4 765	93	11 115	
October	32 512	6 367	10 056	237	16 659	5 821	4 344	98	10 263	
November	38 788	7 802	11 492	296	19 590	6 957	4 811	64	11 832	
December	39 877	8 215	11 795	388	20 397	6 575	4 410	177	11 161	
January	r20 307	4 767	7 410	r 201	r12 378	3 022	2 023	r 56	r5 101	
February	r24 711	5 244	8 662	r 248	r14 155	4 360	3 096	r144	r7 601	
March	r31 446	6 102	11 192	r 183	r17 477	5 363	4 450	r 77	r9 890	
April	r28 910	5 510	9 683	r 339	r15 532	5 394	3 936	r118	r9 447	
May	r33 763	5 668	10 318	r 306	r16 292	6 533	5 886	r271	r12 690	
June	r32 213	5 242	9 854	r 345	r15 441	6 689	5 319	r302	r12 309	
2001-2002										
July	32 741	5 977	9 948	81	16 006	6 697	5 560	30	12 287	
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			9	SEASONALLY A	DJUSTED					
2000-2001										
July	31 881	6 133	10 913	n.a.	17 489	5 446	4 382	n.a.	10 071	
August	36 399	6 939	11 489	n.a.	18 910	6 041	4 589	n.a.	10 778	
September	31 127	6 293	9 388	n.a.	15 958	5 908	4 364	n.a.	10 297	
October	30 913	5 939	9 919	n.a.	16 058	5 811	4 520	n.a.	10 387	
November	31 174	6 123	9 841	n.a.	16 094	5 850	4 447	n.a.	10 298	
December	31 066	6 023	9 854	n.a.	16 070	6 152	4 168	n.a.	10 434	
January	32 445	6 893	11 681	n.a.	18 878	6 098	4 146	n.a.	10 140	
February	30 518	6 087	9 152	n.a.	15 532	6 031	4 034	n.a.	10 169	
March	30 755	5 803	9 954	n.a.	15 878	5 247	4 393	n.a.	9 925	
April	32 295	5 986	10 066	n.a.	16 577	5 760	4 391	n.a.	10 502	
May	34 478	6 277	10 556	n.a.	17 030	5 972	5 538	n.a.	11 731	
June	32 013	5 987	9 850	n.a.	16 171	6 146	4 377	n.a.	10 657	
2001-2002		2 224	40.004		40.004				40.40=	
July	31 104	6 231	10 084	n.a.	16 391	5 735	4 454	n.a.	10 187	
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2000-2001				MEND LOTH						
July	31 665	6 105	10 032	n.a.	16 460	5 603	4 253	n.a.	9 942	
August	32 040	6 202	10 130	n.a.	16 638	5 743	4 345	n.a.	10 164	
September	32 206	6 274	10 202	n.a.	16 755	5 874	4 413	n.a.	10 349	
October	32 024	6 301	10 202	n.a.	16 751	5 963	4 416	n.a.	10 424	
November	31 571	6 278	10 143	n.a.	16 646	5 994	4 358	n.a.	10 361	
December	31 186	6 233	10 101	n.a.	16 550	5 971	4 280	n.a.	10 253	
January	31 129	6 189	10 103	n.a.	16 521	5 912	4 219	n.a.	10 209	
February	31 460	6 165	10 147	n.a.	16 578	5 855	4 215	n.a.	10 285	
March	31 844	6 133	10 134	n.a.	16 556	5 819	4 250	n.a.	10 424	
April	32 105	6 090	10 093	n.a.	16 475	5 806	4 303	n.a.	10 568	
May	32 283	6 072	10 075	n.a.	16 423	5 822	4 356	n.a.	10 681	
June	32 355	6 077	10 068	n.a.	16 397	5 849	4 400	n.a.	10 741	
2001-2002										
July	32 297	6 069	10 020	n.a.	16 307	5 885	4 434	n.a.	10 769	
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<sup>(</sup>a) Prior to July 1998, data was collected for glass containers 1 litre and under. See Explanatory Note 3.

<sup>(</sup>b) Soft pack containers include all collapsible packs, plastic or otherwise.

<sup>(</sup>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.



## 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
• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • •
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	r 324 581	22 185	16 706	13 952	3 292	3 011	372	901
2000-2001								
July	28 346	2 198	941	875	252	302	57	34
August	30 555	2 226	1 479	1 131	297	243	32	138
September	27 463	1 788	1 636	1 144	381	203	26	22
October	26 922	1 709	1 946	1 446	273	189	27	145
November	31 422	2 033	2 520	2 099	305	375	33	91
December	31 558	1 854	3 009	2 562	402	465	26	66
January	r17 479	1 032	724	634	207	195	35	83
February	r21 756	1 260	730	595	208	134	28	80
March	r27 367	1 581	1 020	973	265	211	29	81
April	r24 980	1 804	866	791	223	219	28	29
May	r28 982	2 426	967	858	256	243	31	54
June	r27 751	2 274	868	844	223	232	20	79
2001-2002								
July	28 293	2 063	995	889	240	237	25	72
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<sup>(</sup>a) Spritzig table wines are included with table wine.



# DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

	Sherry in glass less than 2 litres	Port in glass less than 2 litres	Other in glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs	All other containers(b)	Total fortified
Period	'000 L	'000 L				
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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						
July	192	451	32	874	649	2 198
August	227	448	42	927	583	2 226
September	163	428	36	600	562	1 788
October	197	366	30	540	575	1 709
November	238	511	33	679	573	2 033
December	189	532	31	587	514	1 854
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

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes muscat, madiera, tokay and white port.

<sup>(</sup>c) Quantities in which excise duty was paid.

<sup>(</sup>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.

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



## IMPORTS CLEARED & EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND BRANDY

	WINE TYPE(a)						TOTAL WII	NE	BRANDY	·
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value
D : /	'000L									
Period		'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000	'000L al	\$'000
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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	r12 773	r92 211	504	7 575
1999-2000										
May	227	366	592	53	162	65	873	6 007	36	392
June	233	347	580	31	158	71	840	5 234	49	617
2000-2001										
July	258	382	640	6	174	100	920	5 474	24	234
August	348	567	915	10	516	135	1 576	11 880	82	916
September	351	332	683	2	245	74	1 004	8 050	29	448
October	419	483	901	8	455	134	1 499	12 859	46	788
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	r5 887	14	365
April	129	341	469	8	72	129	678	4 279	22	373
May	145	289	434	8	97	221	760	r5 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
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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	r148 407	r180 425	r328 832	2 027	6 525	1 111	r338 495	r1 753 381	19	r 286
1999-2000										
May	12 142	13 828	25 969	170	1 541	57	27 738	129 543	1	17
June	12 499	14 439	26 939	192	499	25	27 656	130 309	1	20
2000-2001										
July	12 915	14 680	27 595	152	537	126	28 410	145 718	3	61
August	13 295	14 696	27 991	179	897	137	29 203	140 112	1	15
September	16 386	16 420	32 807	209	1 196	101	34 313	166 405	2	11
October	15 279	16 368	31 647	206	719	78	32 649	168 235	2	37
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	r7 124	r10 224	r17 348	116	169	55	r17 689	r96 917	3	61
February	11 196	14 612	25 808	224	229	74	26 335	136 061	1	17
March	10 333	16 714	27 047	171	325	65	27 609	152 106	1	29
April	13 976	18 182	r32 157	159	401	91	r32 808	r 174 795	4	24
May	13 347	17 376	30 723	192	575	74	31 565	r 165 409	1	r8
June	r13 370	r17 060	r30 430	127	457	r81	r31 096	r 162 755	2	11
2001-2002										
July	11 768	14 075	25 843	160	738	50	26 790	139 847	2	17
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<sup>(</sup>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.

<sup>(</sup>c) See Explanatory Notes 6 and 7.

<sup>(</sup>e) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

<sup>(</sup>d) Imports cleared for home consumption, see Explanatory Note 5.

	WINE TY	PE					TOTAL W	INE
	White table	Red/rosé table(c)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(d)
Country/Region	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •
Fiji	27	16	42	1	3	0	47	138
New Caledonia	1	1	2	_	11	_	13	40
New Zealand	522	1 215	1 738	8	154	14	1 915	6 360
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	570	1 253	1 824	11	172	15	2 022	6 854
Denmark	167	488	654	_	1	_	655	2 536
Germany, Federal Republic of	368	579	948	0	3	_	950	4 005
Ireland	349	321	670	_	4	0	674	3 642
Netherlands	549	421	970	0	0	0	970	3 095
Sweden	256	153	410	_	18	_	428	1 722
United Kingdom	6 669	5 643	12 312	49	358	0	12 718	59 280
Total European Union	8 605	7 958	16 563	50	405	9	17 028	76 758
Norway	49	154	203	_	2	_	205	860
Switzerland	62	322	384	_	19	0	403	2 054
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	8 757	8 537	17 294	 50	427	9	17 779	80 146
Total Europe and the Former USSK (a)	0131	0 331	17 294	50	421	9	11 119	60 140
Bahrain	11	5	16	_	1	_	18	27
United Arab Emirates	38	39	77	0	2	_	79	348
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	49	48	97	0	3	_	101	399
Malaysia	35	86	121	7	0	3	132	953
Singapore	55	85	140	0	3	0	144	1 398
Total Southeast Asia (a)	161	241	402	8	8	3	421	3 140
Hong Kong	72	81	153	_	4	1	157	1 651
Japan	144	189	333	3	33	2	372	2 261
Total Northeast Asia (a)	232	295	527	20	37	3	587	4 184
Canada	447	1 003	1 450	45	32	7	1 533	10 414
United States of America	1 531	2 609	4 139	25	58	13	4 236	34 233
Total Northern America (a)	1 977	3 612	5 589	70	91	19	5 769	44 648
Total Other Regions (b)	21	89	110	1	0	_	111	476
Total All Countries	11 768	14 075	25 843	160	738	50	26 790	139 847

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

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes 'Other table wine'.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes ships' stores.

<sup>(</sup>d) Free on board value, see Explanatory Note 6.

# EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY REGION(a)

	Oceania & Antarctica	Europe & the Former USSR	Middle East & North Africa	Southeast Asia	Northeast Asia	Northern America	Other(b)	Total all regions
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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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	r22 194	r215 070	1 323	r6 052	r8 106	r84 745	1 006	r338 495
1999-2000								
May	2 831	18 092	159	375	747	5 458	76	27 738
June	1 571	19 597	79	374	1 020	4 947	68	27 656
2000-2001								
July	1 999	17 919	149	434	523	7 335	52	28 410
August	2 281	20 657	22	387	671	5 135	50	29 203
September	3 078	23 221	96	569	717	6 581	52	34 313
October	1 810	22 199	75	461	692	7 344	69	32 649
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	r 922	9 947	165	309	669	5 627	50	17 689
February	1 159	16 329	109	771	601	7 245	122	26 335
March	1 474	16 889	129	521	692	7 795	108	27 609
April	r1 258	r23 569	121	580	545	6 653	82	r32 808
May	1 927	20 262	84	400	726	8 093	73	31 565
June	r1 999	r19 384	170	r 470	r 937	r8 030	106	r31 096
2001-2002								
July	2 022	17 779	101	421	587	5 769	111	26 790
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<sup>(</sup>a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers. (b) Includes ships' stores.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

- **1** The information shown in this publication for the domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained directly from winemakers by means of a mail collection. The brandy sales figures shown represent quantities on which excise duty was paid, i.e. the quantity of brandy released for sale. Statistics relating to import clearances and exports are based on information provided to the Australian Customs Service by importers, exporters and their agents.
- **2** The information on domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained from winemaking enterprises with sales of 250,000 litres or more in the previous financial year. These account for approximately 97% 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)

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