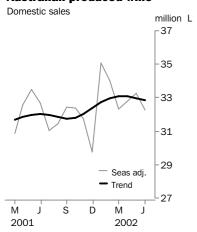




SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine



JUNE KEY FIGL	JRES				
TREND ESTIMATES	Jun 2002 '000 L	% change May 2002 to Jun 2002	% change Jun 2001 to Jun 2002		
Australian produced wine					
Domestic wine sales	32 861	-0.3	2.5		
White table wine sales	16 530	-0.6	0.1		
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 444	0.3	9.4		
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • •	% change	% change		
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Jun 2002 '000 L	May 2002 to Jun 2002	Jun 2001 to Jun 2002		
Australian produced wine					
Domestic wine sales	32 288	-2.9	-1.2		
White table wine sales	16 290	-4.2	-2.3		
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 291	-1.5	4.0		

JUNE KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased in June to 32.9 million litres. This represents a 0.3% decrease on May 2002 and a 2.5% increase on June 2001.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 0.6% on May 2002 but increased 0.1% on June 2001.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé table wine increased 0.3% on May 2002 and 9.4% on June 2001.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine in June 2002 was 32.3 million litres, a decrease of 2.9% on May 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 4.2% on May 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé table wine decreased 1.5% on May 2002.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 29.6 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during June, down 15.1% on May 2002 and down 8.1% on June 2001.
- Exports of Australian produced wine reached 42.7 million litres in June 2002. There were 417.3 million litres of domestically produced wine exported in the 12 months ending June 2002, with a value of \$2.1 billion. This represents an increase of 23.3% in volume and 19.9% in value over the 12 months to June 2001.

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TABLE WINE, GLASS
CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend series for sales of white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres increased marginally on May 2002, but rose 5.1% on June 2001. The corresponding trend series for red and rosé wine increased by 1.0% on May 2002 and 9.8% on June 2001.

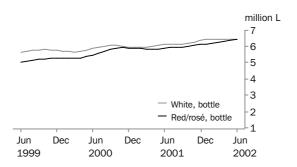
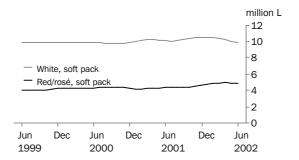


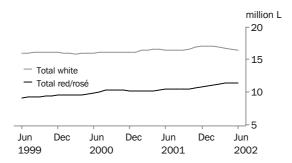
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series to June 2002 for sales of white table wine in soft packs shows a decrease of 1.5% on May 2002 and a 1.6% decrease on June 2001. The trend series for sales of red/rosé wine in soft packs fell by 1.0% on May 2001 but increased by 12.0% on June 2001.



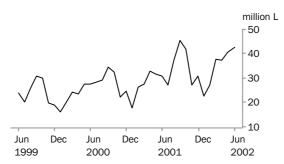
TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend series for total sales of white table wine fell 0.6% over May 2002 and increased slightly by 0.1% on June 2001. The trend estimate for total red/rosé wine sales rose 0.3% on May 2002 and 9.4% on June 2001.



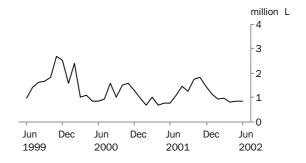
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for June 2002 show that 42.7 million litres of Australian produced wine were exported with a value of \$220.1 million. The quantity and value increased on the previous month by 5.0% and 3.7% respectively. Compared to June 2001, wine exports have increased by 38.3% in quantity and 36.7% in value. The average value of Australian wine exported in June 2002 was \$5.16 per litre, compared to \$5.22 per litre in June 2001.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for June 2002 shows that 0.9 million litres of wine was imported, 4.0% more than in May 2002 and 13.8% more than in June 2001. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in June 2002 was \$7.44 per litre, down from \$7.82 per litre in June 2001.



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

Original data shows that wine available for consumption in Australia for the June quarter 2002 was slightly less than the same quarter in 2001. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine fell by 0.4%, while wine imports rose by 15.4%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 13.1% over the same period in 2001 with exports rising 26.6%. For the 2001-2002 financial year total wine disposals recorded an 11.0% increase on 2000-2001, driven by a 23.3% rise in wine exports.

	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
1999–2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
2000–2001	384 847	12 773	397 620	338 289	723 136
2001–2002	385 293	14 479	399 772	417 252	802 545
June Qtr 2001	94 886	2 207	97 093	95 262	190 148
June Qtr 2002	94 545	2 547	97 092	120 555	215 100





		TABLE-WH	TABLE-WHITE WINE				TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ 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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				ORIGINA	\L						
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		
2001–2002	385 293	75 303	122 790	1 431	199 525	73 262	56 123	693	130 077		
2000-2001											
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	21 392	4 624	7 476	92	12 192	3 263	2 747	14	6 024		
February	28 465	6 127	9 964	85	16 177	5 051	3 930	17	8 998		
March	31 961	6 210	11 085	81	17 376	5 536	5 132	21	10 689		
April	30 061	5 825	9 489	91	15 405	5 808	4 820	38	10 666		
May	34 882	5 871	11 483	87	17 441	7 251	5 606	58	12 915		
June	29 602	5 431	8 587	36	14 054	6 853	4 930	19	11 801		
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2000-2001	32 685	6 025	9 967		16 670	6 098	4 457		10.052		
June	32 083	6 025	9 967	n.a.	16 672	6 098	4 457	n.a.	10 853		
2001-2002 July	31 026	6 202	10 297	n.a.	16 642	5 679	4 431	n.a.	10 159		
August	31 463	6 041	9 448	n.a.	15 205	5 844	4 261	n.a.	10 139		
September	32 455	6 383	10 355	n.a.	16 990	6 243	4 422	n.a.	10 247		
October	32 405	6 089	10 827	n.a.	17 103	5 964	4 718	n.a.	10 785		
November	31 726	6 471	10 506	n.a.	16 889	6 183	4 416	n.a.	10 502		
December	29 733	5 599	10 000	n.a.	16 079	5 685	4 423	n.a.	10 165		
January	35 064	6 769	11 522	n.a.	18 481	6 196	5 553	n.a.	11 624		
February	34 003	7 092	10 043	n.a.	16 982	6 814	4 978	n.a.	11 779		
March	32 306	6 201	10 069	n.a.	16 388	5 953	4 989	n.a.	11 031		
April	32 794	6 319	10 192	n.a.	16 607	6 156	5 148	n.a.	11 291		
May	33 259	6 264	11 069	n.a.	17 000	6 459	5 091	n.a.	11 465		
June	32 288	6 557	9 051	n.a.	16 290	6 547	4 460	n.a.	11 291		
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				TREND ESTIN	MATES						
2000-2001											
June	32 056	6 120	10 110	n.a.	16 521	5 879	4 381	n.a.	10 463		
2001-2002											
July	31 999	6 155	10 081	n.a.	16 452	5 930	4 408	n.a.	10 524		
August	31 838	6 156	10 125	n.a.	16 427	5 954	4 418	n.a.	10 529		
September	31 738	6 161	10 248	n.a.	16 517	5 972	4 430	n.a.	10 526		
October	31 808	6 196	10 399	n.a.	16 704	6 008	4 464	n.a.	10 563		
November	32 055	6 272	10 510	n.a.	16 920	6 062	4 523	n.a.	10 656		
December	32 394	6 358	10 572	n.a.	17 074	6 117	4 628	n.a.	10 796		
January	32 721	6 428	10 558	n.a.	17 107	6 167	4 756	n.a.	10 959		
February	32 953	6 469	10 475	n.a.	17 019	6 219	4 866	n.a.	11 116		
March	33 077	6 478	10 362	n.a.	16 895	6 281	4 940	n.a.	11 259		
April	33 061	6 461	10 235	n.a.	16 764	6 337	4 968	n.a.	11 355		
May	32 968 32 961	6 433	10 093	n.a.	16 637 16 530	6 388	4 956	n.a.	11 412		
June	32 861	6 435	9 945	n.a.	16 530	6 452	4 908	n.a.	11 444		

⁽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.



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
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1999–2000	307 091	22 991	18 220	14 352	3 514	2 352	754	837
2000–2001 2001–2002	325 325 329 601	22 185 20 360	16 706 17 424	13 952 12 000	3 292 3 123	3 011 2 454	372 332	901 701
2000-2001								
June	27 751	2 274	868	844	223	232	20	79
2001-2002	28.202	2.062	005	889	240	227	O.F.	70
July	28 293 27 721	2 063	995	992	240 283	237	25	72 65
August	27 721 27 479	1 829 1 716	1 150 1 284	992 1 121	283 228	200 189	30 26	65 52
September October	27 479 29 105	1 738	1 284	1 447	326	201	26 31	52 70
November	34 690	1 878	2 854	1 853	368	252	27	70 77
December	28 576	1 694	2 405	1 881	398	254	29	79
January	18 216	1 202	910	604	222	215	23	45
February	25 174	1 237	912	744	209	135	54	45
March	28 065	1 423	1 315	713	239	182	24	37
April	26 071	1 702	1 217	657	201	190	23	49
May	30 356	2 066	1 388	583	258	210	21	56
June	25 855	1 812	1 060	516	151	189	19	55

⁽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	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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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
2001–2002	2 102	4 045	331	8 354	5 529	20 360
2000-2001						
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
February	138	211	18	529	341	1 237
March	138	243	24	652	366	1 423
April	172	295	23	750	462	1 702
May	197	425	33	903	509	2 066
June	177	349	24	862	399	1 812

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

⁽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.

⁽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 WI	TOTAL WINE		BRANDY	
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value	
Period	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000	'000L al	\$'000	
IMPORTS(d)											
1999-2000	3 795	10 304	14 099	685	3 827	995	19 607	113 868	577	7 328	
2000-01	3 318	4 800	8 118	106	2 913	1 637	12 773	92 211	504	7 575	
2001-02	4 658	4 540	9 198	201	3 282	1 798	14 479	115 562	577	9 026	
2000-2001											
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	415	914	13	203	137	1 267	10 368	54	711	
October	455	456	911	43	637	168	1 759	15 554	65	874	
November	513	666	1 179	20	478	171	1 849	15 874	66	978	
December	374	455	829	34	362	231	1 456	12 120	51	1 012	
January	404	321	725	15	191	202	1 133	7 838	59	920	
February	272	299	571	2	225	140	938	7 782	31	669	
March	278	379	657	8	221	84	969	6 861	32	507	
April	276	280	555	15	127	134	831	7 342	45	639	
May	274	290	564	9	178	89	841	6 294	49	758	
June	374	263	637	7	131	101	875	6 507	36	616	
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				EXPORTS(e)						
1999-2000	129 586	143 256	272 842	2 287	9 088	717	284 935	1 372 768	19	243	
2000-01	148 273	180 347	328 620	2 032	6 546	1 091	338 289	1 752 082	19	286	
2001-02	175 666	229 462	405 128	2 665	8 018	1 438	417 252	2 101 068	24	197	
2000-2001											
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	10 2 11	10 000	00 210	102	102		00010	101 011	-		
July	11 856	14 244	26 100	176	655	51	26 982	140 997	2	17	
August	16 995	18 940	35 935	268	867	106	37 177	183 703	_	1	
September	21 278	22 436	43 713	227	958	558	45 456	216 114	_	4	
October	17 800	22 436	40 236	273	1 075	92	41 676	203 657	1	17	
November	12 167	14 173	26 339	179	769	35	27 323	133 249	1	9	
December	12 716	17 365	30 081	137	r 443	166	r30 827	r 167 597	5	23	
January	r9 625	r12 467	r22 092	137	301	20	r22 550	r 105 430	_	13	
February	r10 469	r16 009	r26 478	199	427	48	r27 152	r 136 726	1	5	
March	r14 880	r21 762	r36 642	211	636	65	r37 554	r 192 026	1	6	
April	r13 594	r22 469	r36 063	r 404	646	r88	r37 202	r 189 323	10	81	
May	r16 643	r23 056	r39 700	r 147	662	153	r40 661	r 212 150	1	11	
June	17 643	24 106	41 749	310	578	54	42 692	220 095	1	10	
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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.

	WINE TYPE					TOTAL WINE		
	White table	Red/rosé table(c)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(d)
Country/Region	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000
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Fiji	13	18	31	1	6	_	38	264
New Zealand	990	632	1 622	10	52	4	1 688	5 807
Norfolk Island	6	3	10	_	_	_	10	36
Total Oceania and Antarctica	1 021	673	1 695	11	61	4	1 771	6 296
Denmark	178	186	364	_	_	_	364	1 062
Germany, Federal Republic of	573	941	1 514	20	_	_	1 534	5 564
Ireland	383	500	883	_	8	_	892	4 882
Netherlands	328	389	717	57	_	_	774	3 193
Sweden	270	254	524	1	16	_	541	2 502
United Kingdom	10 276	11 415	21 690	121	342	_	22 154	88 533
Total European Union	12 271	14 143	26 414	198	388	_	27 001	108 974
Norway	56	81	138	_	1	_	138	600
Switzerland	46	326	372	_	1	8	381	2 332
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	12 381	14 560	26 941	199	390	8	27 538	112 011
Israel	18	7	26	_	_	_	26	82
United Arab Emirates	34	43	78	_	3	_	81	324
Total Middle East and North Africa	59	58	116	1	11	_	128	503
Malaysia	27	78	105	1	1	1	108	1 066
Singapore	85	134	219	1	1	6	226	2 061
Total Southeast Asia	160	292	452	13	2	7	474	4 057
Hong Kong	71	81	151	_	1	_	152	1 031
Japan	248	352	600	_	41	23	663	3 974
Total Northeast Asia	336	524	860	_	73	27	960	5 964
Canada	326	1 059	1 385	36	3	_	1 424	8 957
United States of America	3 342	6 875	10 216	50	39	8	10 313	81 855
Total Northern America	3 667	7 934	11 601	86	42	8	11 738	90 813
Total Other Regions (b)	17	66	83	_	_	_	83	450
Total All Countries	17 643	24 106	41 749	310	578	54	42 692	220 095

⁽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)

	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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1999-2000	22 219	186 398	1 112	4 839	8 208	61 519	639	284 935
2000-01	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	338 289
2001-02	27 216	259 844	1 492	6 674	9 838	111 269	917	417 250
2000-2001								
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	3 782	30 656	79	532	1 041	9 300	68	45 456
October	3 627	27 353	58	693	859	8 999	85	41 676
November	2 683	15 544	105	724	858	7 317	91	27 323
December	1 508	16 212	235	464	642	r11 720	45	r30 827
January	3 111	12 574	95	399	585	r5 732	55	r22 550
February	1 389	16 787	94	484	645	r7 697	56	r27 152
March	r1 539	r22 445	135	630	920	r11 798	87	r37 554
April	r1 430	r21 927	177	r 598	r 624	r12 348	97	r37 202
May	r1 912	r25 135	138	726	r1 081	r11 600	68	r40 661
June	1 771	27 538	128	474	960	11 738	83	42 692

⁽a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers. (b) Includes ships' stores.

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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 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)

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