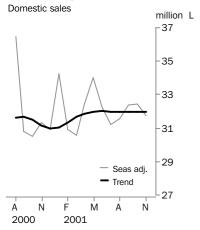


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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TREND ESTIMATES	Nov 2001 '000 L	% change Oct 2001 to Nov 2001	% change Nov 2000 to Nov 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	31 995	0.1	2.6
White table wine sales	16 971	0.8	5.3
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 652	0.3	3.0

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Nov 2001 '000 L	% change Oct 2001 to Nov 2001	% change Nov 2000 to Nov 2001									
Australian produced wine												
Domestic wine sales	31 731	-2.2	1.2									
White table wine sales	17 075	-0.9	6.1									
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 509	-2.7	1.7									

NOVEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine is 32.0 million litres. This represents a 0.1% increase on October 2001 and a 2.6% increase on November 2000.
- The trend estimate for white table wine increased 0.8% on October 2001 and by 5.3% on November 2000.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé table wine increased by 0.3% on October 2001 and by 3.0% on November 2000.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 31.7 million litres, down 2.2% on October 2001.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine decreased in November by 0.9% while red/rosé table wine decreased 2.7%.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 41.9 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during November, up 20.5% on October 2001.
- Total wine exports for the twelve months ended November 2001 is 21.0% higher than the corresponding period a year earlier.
- For the first time in four months total domestic wine sales exceeded exports of Australian produced wine (15.3 million litres higher).

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

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This issue contains a revision to the domestic wine sales of white table wine for February 2001. The revision is the result of a revised figure in the 'soft packs' category being provided by a respondent to the collection.

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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 0.7% on October 2001. This series has increased for ten consecutive months, rising 6.5% overall. The trend series for red and rosé wine increased by 0.7% on October 2001. This series has increased for seven consecutive months rising 6.2% overall.

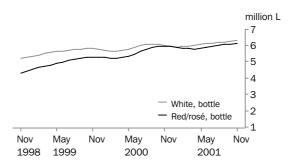
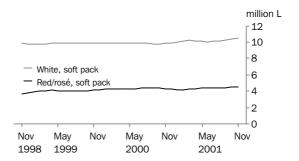


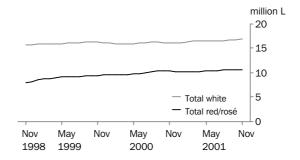
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series for sales of white table wine in soft packs has increased for five consecutive months, by 4.7% overall. The trend series for sales of red/rosé in soft packs has increased for ten consecutive months, by 7.0% overall.



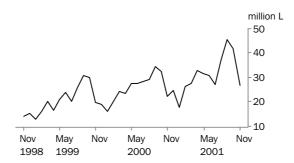
TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend series for total sales of white table wine has increased 5.3% on November 2000. The trend estimate for total red/rosé wine sales has increased 3.0% over the last year.



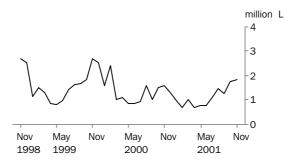
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for November 2001 shows exports of 26.6 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$129 million. The quantity and value of exports are lower than the previous month by 36.3% and 37.0% respectively. In comparison with November 2000, wine exports have increased in quantity and value by 19.2% and 13.2% respectively. The average value of Australian wine exported in November 2001 was \$4.84 per litre, down from \$5.10 per litre in November 2000.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for November 2001 shows that 1.8 million litres of wine was imported, up 5.1% on October 2001 and 17.2% on November 2000. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in November 2001 was \$8.58 per litre, increasing from \$7.19 per litre in November 2000.



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

Original data for the September quarter 2001 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia decreased 4.1% on the same quarter in 2000. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased 4.5% while imports increased 9.4%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased 6.8% over the same period in 2000 with exports rising 19.2%.

	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	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
1999-2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
2000-2001	r384 847	12 773	r397 620	r338 292	r723 139
Sept Qtr 2000	101 575	3 500	105 075	91 926	193 501
Sept Qtr 2001	96 989	3 828	100 817	r109 583	r206 572

		TABLE-WH	ITE 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
ORIGINAL									
1000 1000	240.240	C2 254	447.054	7 000	400 240	F2 742	44.504	044	00.000
1998-1999 1999-2000	348 349 369 271	63 354 69 371	117 954 118 409	7 000 5 260	188 310 193 042	53 713 63 469	44 564 49 806	811 778	99 088 114 053
2000-2001	r384 847	74 123	r122 452	3 189	r199 763	70 506	53 538	1 517	125 560
2000-2001									
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	20 307	4 767	7 410	201	12 378	3 022	2 023	56	5 101
February	r25 456	5 244	r9 407	248	r14 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
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2000-2001	04.044	5.000	0.057		40.007	F 700	4 404		40.000
November December	31 341	5 982	9 857	n.a.	16 087	5 788	4 481	n.a.	10 332
January	30 911 34 258	5 960 7 337	9 966	n.a. n.a.	16 203 19 302	6 137 6 110	4 165 4 103	n.a. n.a.	10 386
February	34 258 30 935	6 086	11 882 9 602	n.a. n.a.	19 302 15 893	6 031	4 021	n.a. n.a.	10 121 10 158
March	30 544	5 756	9 953	n.a.	15 884	5 219	4 422	n.a.	9 911
April	32 442	6 023	10 135	n.a.	16 619	5 792	4 360	n.a.	10 362
May	34 000	6 198	10 471	n.a.	16 933	5 980	5 527	n.a.	11 717
June	32 246	6 125	9 942	n.a.	16 501	6 129	4 464	n.a.	10 775
2001-2002	02 2 .0	0 120	0 0 .2		10 001	0 120			100
July	31 182	6 198	10 301	n.a.	16 629	5 714	4 452	n.a.	10 212
August	31 556	6 015	9 539	n.a.	15 750	5 925	4 267	n.a.	10 271
September	32 376	6 376	10 369	n.a.	16 907	6 241	4 392	n.a.	10 855
October	32 447	6 067	10 921	n.a.	17 229	6 016	4 723	n.a.	10 797
November	31 731	6 520	10 595	n.a.	17 075	6 249	4 385	n.a.	10 509
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2000-2001				LIVD LOTTI					
November	31 177	6 032	9 867	n.a.	16 116	5 973	4 326	n.a.	10 338
December	30 987	5 967	9 950	n.a.	16 120	5 949	4 250	n.a.	10 235
January	31 039	5 925	10 059	n.a.	16 191	5 897	4 201	n.a.	10 165
February	31 336	5 934	10 173	n.a.	16 340	5 849	4 205	n.a.	10 170
March	31 671	5 968	10 233	n.a.	16 469	5 812	4 248	n.a.	10 218
April	31 863	6 020	10 208	n.a.	16 521	5 793	4 302	n.a.	10 273
May	31 978	6 069	10 147	n.a.	16 520	5 813	4 353	n.a.	10 352
June	32 015	6 113	10 102	n.a.	16 510	5 874	4 389	n.a.	10 435
2001-2002									
July	31 988	6 150	10 114	n.a.	16 525	5 953	4 407	n.a.	10 502
August	31 963	6 188	10 196	n.a.	16 595	6 017	4 424	n.a.	10 549
September	31 960	6 228	10 316	n.a.	16 706	6 066	4 449	n.a.	10 590
October	31 963	6 270	10 449	n.a.	16 834	6 109	4 475	n.a.	10 624
November	31 995	6 313	10 575	n.a.	16 971	6 151	4 496	n.a.	10 652

⁽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.

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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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								
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	17 479	1 032	724	634	207	195	35	83
February	r22 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

⁽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						
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
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

⁽a) Includes muscat, madiera, 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 WIN	E	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
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				IMF	PORTS (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										
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	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	202	200	605	40	074	000	4 404	0.005	F0	700
July August	303 636	302 414	605 1 050	19 15	274 255	206 136	1 104 1 457	8 635 10 387	50 39	703 638
September	499	405	904	13	203	147	1 267	10 368	59 54	711
October	455	448	903	43	637	176	1 759	r15 554	65	874
November	513	666	1 179	20	478	171	1 849	15 872	66	979
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				E	XPORTS(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	r 148 276	180 347	r 328 623	2 032	6 547	1 091	r 338 292	r1 752 112	19	286
2000-2001										
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	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	r13 341	r17 382	r30 723	192	592	64	r31 571	r 165 746	1	8
June	r13 244	r16 970	r30 213	132	462	71	r30 878	r 161 046	2	11
2001-2002 July	r11 OEC	r1 / 0 / 1	r26 007	176	656	51	r26 000	r 1/1 100	2	17
August	r11 856 r16 996	r14 241 r18 940	r26 097 r35 936	176 268	656 r 867	51 106	r26 980 r37 178	r 141 128 r 183 722	2	17 1
September	r21 275	r22 409	r43 684	206	r 958	558	r45 425	r 215 881	_	4
October	r17 802	r22 573	r40 374	r 273	r1 074	r92	r41 813	r 204 777	1	4 17
November	11 899	13 750	25 649	179	754	33	26 614	128 925	1	9
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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 W	TOTAL WINE	
	White	Red/rosé	Total					
	table	table(c)	table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(d)
Country/Region	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000
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Fiji	5	8	13	1	4	_	18	119
New Zealand	1 279	937	2 216	41	323	3	2 583	9 422
Norfolk Island	9	6	15	_	2	_	16	78
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 310	974	2 285	44	331	3	2 662	9 815
Denmark	86	203	289	_	_	_	289	958
Germany, Federal Republic of	330	546	876	16	2	_	893	3 421
Ireland	201	324	525	_	4	_	529	2 536
Netherlands	139	448	587	_	_	_	588	2 080
Sweden	212	100	312	_	8	_	320	1 290
United Kingdom	5 945	4 904	10 849	67	266	20	11 202	45 304
Total European Union	7 205	6 829	14 034	89	299	20	14 442	58 278
Norway	15	120	135	_	1	_	136	514
Switzerland	46	336	382	_	_	1	383	1 740
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	7 296	7 322	14 619	89	300	21	15 029	60 745
Oman	10	7	17	_	1	_	18	33
United Arab Emirates	27	23	50	_	6	_	57	227
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	45	48	93	1	9	_	103	394
Indonesia	89	61	151	_	2	_	153	686
Singapore	108	170	278	_	2	1	282	1 812
Total Southeast Asia (a)	292	375	667	2	25	1	695	4 135
Hong Kong	76	138	214	4	10	3	231	1 932
Japan	198	277	475	_	40	_	515	2 684
Total Northeast Asia (a)	290	475	765	7	52	3	827	5 273
Canada	419	824	1 243	20	22	_	1 285	8 946
United States of America	2 208	3 681	5 889	12	12	_	5 913	39 084
Total Northern America (a)	2 631	4 510	7 142	33	34	_	7 208	48 087
Total Other Regions (b)	33	45	78	4	4	5	91	476
Total All Countries	11 899	13 750	25 649	179	754	33	26 614	128 925

⁽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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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	r84 533	1 006	r 338 292
2000-2001								
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	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	r8 092	73	r31 571
June	1 998	19 384	170	472	935	r7 813	106	r30 878
2001-2002								
July	2 028	18 054	101	432	639	r5 617	111	r26 980
August	r2 434	r25 620	148	517	983	r7 403	72	r37 178
September	r3 770	r30 646	79	532	r1 041	r9 290	68	r45 425
October	r3 609	r27 352	58	r 692	r 860	r9 157	r86	r41 813
November	2 662	15 029	103	695	827	7 208	91	26 614
	r figure or seri	es revised since previ	ous issue					

⁽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 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)
- r figure or series revised since previous issue

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