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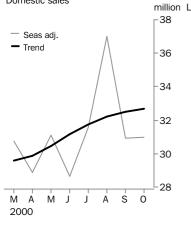


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine





OCTOBER KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES	Oct 2000 '000 L	% change Sep 2000 to Oct 2000	% change Oct 1999 to Oct 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 651	0.5	4.2
White table wine sales	17 012	0.5	4.1
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 523	1.6	12.0
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SEASONALLY ADJUST	ED Oct 2000 '000 L	% change Sep 2000 to Oct 2000	% change Oct 1999 to Oct 2000
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		Sep 2000 to	Oct 1999 to
Australian produced wine	'000 L	Sep 2000 to Oct 2000	Oct 1999 to Oct 2000

OCTOBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased in October 2000 to 32.7 million litres. The October estimate was 0.5% higher than September and 4.2% higher than October 1999.
- The trend estimate for white table wine increased by 0.5% over September and by 4.1% on October 1999.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé wine increased by 1.6% from September and 12.0% on October 1999.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- Seasonally adjusted estimates for total sales of Australian produced wine was 31.0 million litres, up 0.1% on September but down 5.0% on October 1999.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine was up 2.3% on September 2000 but down 4.1% on October 1999, while the estimate for red/rosé wine increased by 0.6% on September and increased by 6.7% on October 1999.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 32.5 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during October, down 0.4% on September and 8.6% on October 1999 respectively.
- 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	ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
	November 2000	10 January 2001
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE	There are no changes in this issue.	
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R.W. Edwards Acting Australian Statistician TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES The October trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres was 8.7% higher than in October 1999 and 32% higher than in October 1997. Even higher growth was recorded for the trend estimate in October 2000 for red/rosé in glass containers less than 2 litres, up 11.9% on October 1999 and 54.5% on October 1997.

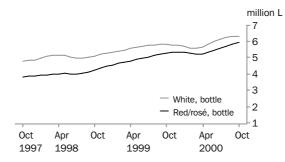
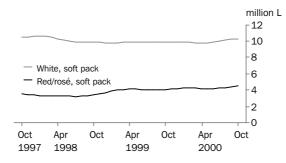


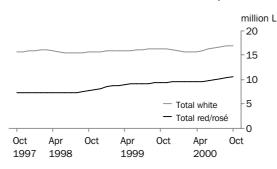
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in October for white table wine in soft packs was up 3.6% on October 1999 but 2.7% lower than in October 1997. The October estimate for red/rosé table wine in soft pack was up 11.4% on October 1999 and up 28.1% on October 1997.



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine was 4.1% higher than October 1999 and up 8.2% on October 1997. The trend estimate for total red/rosé has increased 12.0% since October 1999 and by 41.8% since September 1997.

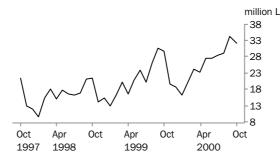


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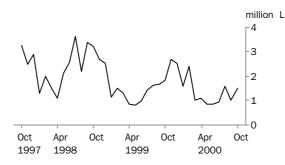
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for October 2000 shows exports of 32.3 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$166m. This volume is 5.9% down on September 2000 and down 0.8% in value over September 2000. Compared to October 1999, wine exports in volume have increased by 8.0% and 19.0% in value. The average value of Australian produced wine exported in October 2000 was \$5.14 per litre compared to \$4.67 per litre in October 1999.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for October shows that 1.5 million litres of wine was imported, up 49.3% on September 2000, but down 18.0% on October 1999. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in October 2000 was \$8.58 per litre, up from \$7.29 per litre in October 1999.



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

Original data for the September quarter 2000 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased by 5.9% on the same quarter in 1999. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased 7.5% while the wine imported decreased 25.8%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 12.8% over the same period in 1999 driven mainly by a 19.2% rise in exports.

	A	B	A + B	C	A + C
	Domestic sales	Wine imports	Wine	Exports of	Total disposals
	of Australian	cleared for	available	Australian	of Australian
	produced	home	for	produced	produced
	wine	consumption	consumption	wine	wine
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1997-1998	338 814	25 622	364 436	192 404	531 218
1998-1999	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
1999-2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
Sept Qtr 1999	94 472	4 715	99 187	77 112	171 584
Sept Qtr 2000	101 575	3 500	105 075	r91 901	r193476

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

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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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 08
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 05
L999-2000									
October	35 588	6 635	10 897	528	18 060	5 667	4 201	71	9 93
November	38 501	7 549	10 838	783	19 170	6 306	4 330	194	10 83
December	41 409	8 293	12 351	806	21 451	5 522	4 744	78	10 34
January	16 444	3 481	5 935	385	9 802	2 530	1 928	47	4 50
February	26 343	5 109	10 115	327	15 551	4 224	3 552	38	7 81
March	32 145	6 243	11 824	317	18 384	5 315	4 603	67	9 98
April	26 148	5 143	8 744	146	14 033	4 778	3 661	24	8 46
May	29 399	5 236	9 389	323	14 948	5 710	4 411	46	10 16
June	28 822	4 767	8 835	304	13 906	5 912	4 555	87	10 55
2000-2001	~~~~	=	40.000		10.000		=		
July	32 972 35 963	5 906	10 622	95	16 623 18 127	6 441	5 238 5 260	44	11 72
August September	35 963 32 640	6 787 6 513	11 100 9 523	239 312	16 348	7 095 6 256	5 260 4 765	73 93	12 42 11 11
October	32 540	6 367	9 523 10 056	237	16 659	5 821	4 705	93 98	10 26
October	52 512	0.301	10 000	231	10 033	5 621	4 544	38	10 20
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L999-2000									
October	32 608	5 868	10 404	n.a.	16 880	5 436	4 192	n.a.	9 72
November	31 138	6 045	9 295	n.a.	15 847	5 452	3 993	n.a.	9 48
December	31 120	5 842	9 970	n.a.	16 245	5 139	4 330	n.a.	9 49
January	28 106	5 237	9 517	n.a.	15 379	5 288	3 921	n.a.	9 23
February	30 472	5 710	10 372	n.a.	16 178	5 541	4 298	n.a.	9 83
March April	30 751	5 790	10 413 9 293	n.a.	16 347	5 241	4 759	n.a.	9 74 9 28
May	28 863 31 115	5 533 5 936	9 293 10 132	n.a. n.a.	15 252 16 561	4 820 5 532	3 966 4 232	n.a. n.a.	9 28 9 75
June	28 646	5 575	8 380	n.a.	13 855	5 404	3 860	n.a.	9 24
2000-2001	20 0 10	0 010	0.000	11.4.	10 000	0 101	0.000	11.4.	02
July	31 558	6 117	10 707	n.a.	17 198	5 329	4 318	n.a.	9 88
August	37 005	6 975	11 760	n.a.	19 456	6 232	4 585	n.a.	10 81
September	30 922	6 231	9 282	n.a.	15 819	5 881	4 332	n.a.	10 31
October	30 966	5 906	9 986	n.a.	16 188	5 688	4 576	n.a.	10 37
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L999-2000				TREND ESTIN	ATES				
October	31 349	5 828	9 937	n.a.	16 345	5 298	4 064	n.a.	9 39
November	31 106	5 798	9 926	n.a.	16 260	5 345	4 111	n.a.	9 47
December	30 714	5 747	9 938	n.a.	16 157	5 351	4 177	n.a.	9 54
January	30 246	5 684	9 934	n.a.	16 014	5 317	4 233	n.a.	9 56
February	29 757	5 616	9 865	n.a.	15 805	5 260	4 253	n.a.	9 53
March	29 595	5 603	9 818	n.a.	15 699	5 223	4 246	n.a.	9 50
April	29 848	5 678	9 810	n.a.	15 752	5 243	4 219	n.a.	9 52
May	30 442	5 826	9 849	n.a.	15 956	5 329	4 201	n.a.	9 6:
June	31 133	5 993	9 934	n.a.	16 244	5 457	4 212	n.a.	9 76
2000-2001	04 740	6 4 2 4	40.050	<i></i>		E COF	4 000	<i></i>	0.00
July	31 742	6 131	10 056	n.a.	16 543	5 605	4 260	n.a.	9 96
August Sentember	32 214	6 237 6 202	10 170	n.a.	16 786	5 741	4 338	n.a.	10 17
September October	32 495 32 651	6 302 6 335	10 237 10 292	n.a. n.a.	16 930 17 012	5 850 5 931	4 420 4 529	n.a. n.a.	10 35 10 52
000000	02 UJI	0.000	10 232		11 012	0.001	7 523		10 32
	(a) Prior to 1	wetch 2001 vilu	as collected for gl	ass containers 1	(h) Soft nack	containers include	all collansible n	acks plastic or	•••••
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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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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								
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
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
		•••••			•••••			

(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.



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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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						
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
August	227	448	42	927	583	2 226
September	163	428	36	600	562	1 788
October	197	366	30	540	575	1 709

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

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



IMPORTS CLEARED & EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND BRANDY

	WINE TYP	PE(a)					TOTAL W	NE	BRAND	·
	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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				I IVI	PORTS(c) (c	1)				
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	14 099	685	3 827	995	19 607	113 868	577	7 328
1999-2000										
August	256	1 010	1 267	92	229	40	1 628	9 099	58	736
September	396	619	1 016	70	443	135	1 664	11 256	53	633
October	349	891	1 241	39	478	69	1 827	13 318	47	590
November	321	1 363	1 684	44	832	134	2 693	16 372	42	487
December	596	1 191	1 787	77	531	124	2 519	18 362	89	1 289
January	219	1 059	1 277	50	192	80	1 599	5 963	45	540
February	299	1 732	2 031	39	259	77	2 406	8 247	33	588
March	303	453	755	52	156	62	1 026	6 131	37	519
April	362	437	798	71	140	99	1 108	5 797	42	438
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						4.9.9			~ ~	
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 October	351 419	332 483	683 901	2 8	245 455	74 134	1 004 1 499	8 050 12 859	29 46	448 788
				E	XPORTS(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	143 256	272 842	2 287	9 088	717	284 935	1 372 768	19	243
1999-2000										
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	1 397	45	29 868	139 399	2	40
November	9 236	9 555	18 791	260	586	41	19 678	90 895	—	11
December	8 561	9 715	18 276	194	334	20	18 824	91 606	2	24
January	7 893	7 982	15 876	83	252	47	16 257	75 388	5	32
February	7 857	11 730	19 587	268	263	45	20 163	105 441	_	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	123 746	_	1
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	r27 656	r 130 309	1	20
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July	12 915	14 678	27 593	152	537	126	28 408	r 145 711	3	61
August September	13 291	14 684	r27 976	179	897 r1 109	137	r29 188	r 139 908	1	15
October	r16 383 15 105	r16 418 16 174	r32 801 31 279	r 209 202	r1 198 709	97 77	r34 305 32 267	r 167 301 165 922	2 2	11 37
October	TO TO2	10 1/4	ST 718	202	109	11	32 201	100 922	2	31

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(b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(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.

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

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EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, October 2000

	WINE TYPE			TOTAL W	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	14	13	28	1	1	_	29	112
New Zealand	527	894	1 420	17	172	32	1 642	8 470
Papua New Guinea	17	15	32	1	1	_	34	93
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	575	941	1 516	22	175	33	1 745	8 878
France	225	227	452	_	4	_	456	1 680
Germany, Federal Republic of	115	308	423	_	4	0	427	2 285
Ireland	287	342	629	0	17	_	647	3 820
Netherlands	204	293	497	_	_	_	497	2 243
Sweden	137	209	346	_	16	_	362	1 528
United Kingdom	10 040	8 312	18 352	47	297	0	18 697	81 086
Total European Union	11 163	9 993	21 156	48	355	3	21 561	95 409
Norway	26	171	196	_	12		209	939
Switzerland	28	139	166	_	2		169	1 171
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	11 221	10 317	21 538	48	369	3	21 958	97 634
Israel	13	5	17	0	1	_	18	118
United Arab Emirates	26	26	51	1	5	_	57	202
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	38	31	69	1	5	—	75	320
Indonesia	87	5	92	0	0	0	92	515
Singapore	65	124	189	0	4	1	194	1 478
Total Southeast Asia (a)	209	202	411	17	11	7	446	2 918
Hong Kong	65	78	142	3	4	14	164	1 081
Japan	188	201	389	19	29	2	439	2 590
Total Northeast Asia (a)	282	321	603	22	34	15	675	3 952
Canada	768	749	1 517	35	35	0	1 587	8 250
United States of America	1 990	3 567	5 557	56	78	19	5 711	43 523
Total Northern America (a)	2 759	4 317	7 076	91	113	20	7 299	51 786
Total Other Regions (b)	22	45	68	—	1	—	69	433
Total All Countries	15 105	16 174	31 279	202	709	77	32 267	165 922

(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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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	22 219	186 398	1 112	4 839	8 208	61 519	639	284 935
1999-2000								
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	394	592	4 757	27	29 868
November	2 959	9 358	115	541	869	5 720	116	19 678
December	1 223	11 331	58	488	740	4 940	43	18 824
January	923	10 089	126	383	620	4 079	37	16 257
February	1 135	11 132	116	346	504	6 877	53	20 163
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	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.
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	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.
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