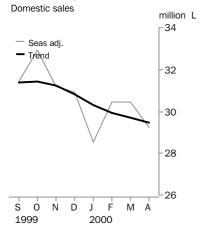


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine



APRIL KEY FIG	URES		
TREND ESTIMATES	Apr 2000 '000 L	% change Mar 2000 to Apr 2000	% change Apr 1999 to Apr 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	29 442	-0.8	-2.5
White table wine sales	15 681	-0.5	-1.5
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 536	-0.3	6.1
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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Apr 2000 '000 L	_	Apr 1999 to Apr 2000
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	29 222	-4.1	-3.3
White table wine sales	15 324	-5.5	-4.8
Red and rosé table wine sales	9 278	-4.8	2.9

APRIL KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine has fallen for the sixth consecutive month to 29.4 million litres. The estimate is down 0.8% on March 2000 and 2.5% since April 1999.
- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased by 0.5% in April and by 1.5% since April 1999.
- The trend estimate for red/rosé table wine decreased by 0.3% on March 2000 but increased by 6.1% on April 1999.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine fell by 4.1% in April and by 3.3% since April 1999.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine fell by 5.5% in April and by 4.8% since April 1999.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for red/rosé table wine fell by 4.8% on March 2000, but has increased by 2.9% since April 1999.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

■ In original terms, 26.1 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically by winemakers during April 2000, down 18.7% on March 2000 and 13.6% on April 1999. The monthly fall arose mainly from falls in white table wine in soft packs (26.0%), red/rosé table wine in soft packs (20.5%) and white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres (17.6%).

■ 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.

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TABLE WINE, GLASS
CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The April trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres has increased by 0.3% since April 1999 and by 17.7% since April 1997. The trend estimate for red/rosé in glass containers less than 2 litres increased by 6.3% since April 1999 and by 49.0% on April 1997.

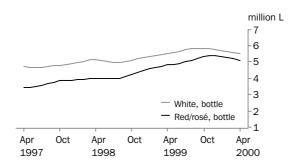
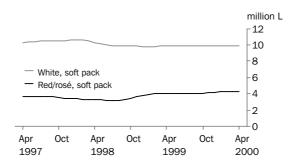


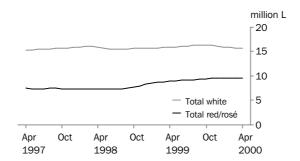
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in April for white table wine in soft packs increased by 0.6% since April 1999 but has fallen by 3.5% on April 1997. The April estimate for red/rosé table wine in soft packs increased by 4.8% on April 1999 and by 16.1% on April 1997.



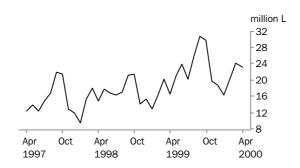
TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine decreased by 1.5% on April 1999, however, it increased by 2.6% since April 1997. The trend estimate for total red/rosé table wine has increased by 6.1% since April 1999 and by 27.4% on April 1997.



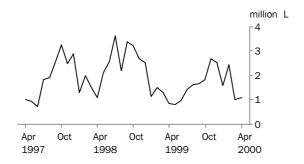
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for April 2000 shows exports of 22.9 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$121.4m. This volume is down 5.6% on March 2000 but is up by 38.8% since April 1999. The average value of Australian produced wine exported was \$5.30 per litre compared to \$5.13 per litre in April 1999.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for April 2000 shows that 1.1 million litres of wine worth \$5.8 million was cleared for home consumption. This volume is up 8.0% on March 2000 and by 31.9% on April 1999. The average value of wine cleared for home comsumption in April 2000 was \$5.23 per litre down from \$7.16 per litre in April 1999.



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

Original data for the March quarter 2000 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia rose by 5.9% on the same quarter in 1999. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine rose 4.7% while the volume of imported wine increased 28.5%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine rose by 12.1% aided by a 23.0% rise in 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
1996–1997	333 591	13 589	347 180	154 393	487 984
1997–1998	338 814	25 622	364 436	192 404	531 218
1998–1999	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
Mar Qtr 1999	71 592	3 949	75 541	49 381	120 973
Mar Qtr 2000	74 932	5 073	80 005	60 728	135 660



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
				ORIGINA	L				
1996-1997	333 591	55 212	126 492	3 324	185 032	41 144	41 574	1 016	83 733
1997-1998	338 814	59 352	125 269	4 888	189 512	46 746	41 295	868	88 909
1998-1999	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
1998-1999									
April	30 274	5 625	10 456	526	16 608	5 024	4 065	56	9 144
May	28 408	4 906	8 971	384	14 261	5 103	4 178	32	9 314
June	29 789	4 812	9 787	340	14 939	5 285	4 874	22	10 182
1999-2000									
July	32 459	5 660	9 871	370	15 900	6 521	5 094	37	11 652
August	30 285	5 454	9 637	409	15 500	5 507	4 557	48	10 112
September	31 728	5 801	9 973	562	16 337	5 477	4 170	41	9 689
October	35 588	6 635	10 897	528	18 060	5 667	4 201	71	9 939
November	38 501	7 549	10 838	783	19 170	6 306	4 330	194	10 831
December	41 409	8 293	12 351	806	21 451	5 522	4 744	78	10 344
January	16 444	3 481	5 935	385	9 802	2 530	1 928	47	4 505
February March	26 343 32 145	5 109 6 243	10 115 11 824	327 317	15 551 18 384	4 224 5 315	3 552 4 603	38 67	7 813 9 984
April	26 148	5 143	8 744	146	14 033	4 778	3 661	24	8 463
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1000 1000			5	SEASONALLY AD	JUSTED				
1998-1999	22.224	5 504	40.440		40.405	4.700	4.400		0.040
April	30 221	5 564	10 116	n.a.	16 105	4 799	4 192	n.a.	9 019
May	31 282 31 383	5 640 5 047	9 773 10 133	n.a.	16 068	5 081 5 079	4 126 4 138	n.a.	9 428
June 1999-2000	31 303	5 947	10 155	n.a.	16 454	5019	4 136	n.a.	9 360
July	27 832	5 439	9 239	n.a.	14 993	4 684	3 812	n.a.	8 528
August	32 041	5 776	10 309	n.a.	16 826	4 996	4 284	n.a.	9 425
September	31 435	5 877	10 039	n.a.	16 516	5 304	3 892	n.a.	9 281
October	32 913	5 894	10 431	n.a.	16 955	5 514	4 239	n.a.	9 754
November	31 189	6 056	9 266	n.a.	15 861	5 560	4 066	n.a.	9 590
December	30 899	5 823	9 855	n.a.	16 166	5 161	4 322	n.a.	9 434
January	28 529	5 272	9 662	n.a.	15 450	5 163	3 990	n.a.	9 198
February	30 440	5 730	10 373	n.a.	16 145	5 649	4 429	n.a.	9 950
March	30 464	5 745	10 302	n.a.	16 208	5 285	4 558	n.a.	9 741
April	29 222	5 512	9 477	n.a.	15 324	4 838	4 029	n.a.	9 278
				TREND ESTIM	IATES				
1998-1999									
April	30 194	5 542	9 881	n.a.	15 917	4 829	4 095	n.a.	8 988
May	30 390	5 618	9 892	n.a.	15 990	4 881	4 088	n.a.	9 073
June	30 579	5 680	9 912	n.a.	16 081	4 946	4 070	n.a.	9 143
1999-2000									
July	30 866	5 751	9 937	n.a.	16 204	5 033	4 066	n.a.	9 219
August	31 174	5 812	9 948	n.a.	16 319	5 124	4 067	n.a.	9 284
September	31 381	5 846	9 931	n.a.	16 370	5 220	4 072	n.a.	9 353
October	31 419	5 852	9 912	n.a.	16 358	5 319	4 101	n.a.	9 438
November	31 220	5 824	9 902	n.a.	16 273	5 385	4 152	n.a.	9 518
December	30 813	5 769	9 899	n.a.	16 132	5 395	4 204	n.a.	9 564
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January	30 309	5 696	9 906	n.a.	15 971	5 350	4 245	n.a.	
January February	29 928	5 634	9 929	n.a.	15 853	5 285	4 277	n.a.	9 566
January									

⁽a) Prior to July 1998, data was collected for glass containers 1 (b) Soft pack containers include all collapsible packs, plastic or litre and under. See Explanatory Note 3.

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(b)	Flavoured(c)	Vermouth	Brandy(d)
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L al
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1996-1997	268 766	25 629	23 370	9 182	3 431	2 183	1 026	987
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
1998-1999								
April	25 752	2 015	1 236	944	111	185	32	63
May	23 575	2 340	1 157	946	106	203	81	67
June	25 121	2 518	958	889	87	183	32	81
1999-2000								
July	27 552	2 396	1 269	896	n.p.	226	n.p.	69
August	25 612	2 062	1 264	860	n.p.	182	n.p.	73
September	26 025	1 781	1 870	1 559	260	171	62	74
October	27 999	1 755	2 857	2 230	430	204	114	72
November	30 000	2 083	3 169	2 515	460	235	38	40
December	31 795	2 367	3 640	2 800	537	234	37	177
January	14 306	867	560	280	195	152	84	51
February	23 364	1 444	617	401	218	163	137	63
March	28 368	1 717	851	663	323	192	31	43
April	22 495	1 663	797	724	256	153	60	52
	n.p. not avail	able for publicat	ion					

⁽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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1996-1997	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25 629
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
1998-1999						
April	216	430	37	749	582	2 015
May	275	510	44	833	678	2 340
June	270	504	42	857	845	2 518
1999-2000						
July	272	582	44	823	675	2 396
August	195	401	30	693	743	2 062
September	196	404	27	617	536	1 781
October	208	398	30	592	527	1 755
November	232	543	25	652	632	2 083
December	284	672	35	635	741	2 367
January	116	177	14	277	282	867
February	152	224	15	525	529	1 444
March	174	339	25	688	490	1 717
April	177	300	28	628	529	1 663

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

⁽c) Includes wine cocktails, marsala, aperitif and tonic wines.

⁽b) Prior to 1997, data for Carbonated wine includes some spritzig style wine which was mis-reported.

⁽d) Quantities on which excise duty was paid. Data before July 1997 contained brandy made from fruit other than grape.

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



IMPORTS CLEARED & EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE & BRANDY

	WINE TYPE			TOTAL WINE		BRANDY	BRANDY			
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value (a)	Quantity	Value		
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	\$'000	'000 L al	\$'000		
IMPORTS(b)(c)										
1996-1997	10 105	105	2 387	993	13 589	66 503	628	7 889		
1997-1998	21 447	135	2 996	1 044	25 622	92 926	661	7 861		
1998-1999	20 136	92	2 915	1 113	24 255	102 498	598	7 528		
1998-1999										
February	1 321	6	127	37	1 491	6 902	32	412		
March	1 069	2	190	49	1 310	6 337	52	608		
April	536	10	187	107	840	6 012	49	553		
May	543	10	150	102	805	5 609	50	622		
June	647	10	195	110	962	6 499	50	617		
1999-2000										
July	1 009	66	248	100	1 423	8 083	47	499		
August	1 149	92	229	158	1 628	9 099	58	736		
September	918	70	443	233	1 664	11 256	53	633		
October	1 162	39	478	148	1 827	13 318	47	590		
November	1 622	44	832	196	2 693	16 372	42	487		
December	1 642	77	531	268	2 519	18 362	89	1 289		
January	1 244	50	192	122	1 607	5 979	45	540		
February	1 959	39	292	149	2 440	8 297	33	588		
March	670 764	52 71	156	148	1 026	6 131	37 42	519		
April	764	71	140	133	1 108	5 797	42	438		
			EXF	PORTS(d)		• • • • • • • • • • •		• • • • • • •		
1996-1997	144 892	2 490	6 046	966	154 393	603 297	17	526		
1997-1998	183 024	2 505	6 110	764	192 404	873 847	26	385		
1998-1999	r206 287	2 244	6 937	681	216 149	1 067 979	24	246		
1998-1999										
February	15 532	142	536	17	16 226	83 346	3	45		
March	19 446	310	393	52	20 201	102 158	_	6		
April	15 903	129	303	163	16 498	84 673	1	14		
May	20 126	208	572	16	20 922	103 325	2	17		
June	r22 781	167	1 031	14	r23 993	107 234	3	24		
1999-2000										
July	19 189	153	930	93	20 364	97 915	1	37		
August	24 246	190	1 352	176	25 962	124 285	5	22		
September	29 218	248	1 294	26	30 786	143 734	1	9		
October	28 254	172	1 396	45	29 867	139 388	2	40		
November	18 780	260	586	41	19 666	90 897	_	11		
December	18 276	194	334	20	18 824	91 606	2	24		
January	15 919	83	252	45	16 299	75 371	5	32		
February	r19 586	268	263	r 45	r20 161	r105 426	_	5		
March	r23 768	r 198	r 278	r 24	r24 268	r120 348	1	26		
April	22 274	149	361	115	22 900	121 423	_	1		

⁽a) See Explanatory Notes 5 and 6.

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⁽c) Imports cleared for home consumption, see Explanatory Note 4.

⁽b) Due to change in the Customs Tariff codes implemented in July 1996, the wine type categories are not necessarily comparable with earlier data.

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

	WINE TYPE	WINE TYPE				
	Table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value (c)
Country/Region	L	L	L	L	L	\$'000
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Fiji	27 525	549	4 365	_	32 439	206
New Caledonia	25 597	90	684	_	26 371	25
New Zealand	726 579	21 068	26 511	3 270	777 428	3 892
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	804 951	22 940	32 433	3 468	863 791	4 255
Denmark	154 101	_	90	_	154 191	756
Germany, Federal Republic of	1 326 040	_	900	_	1 326 940	5 616
Ireland	393 328	_	5 373	14	398 715	2 519
Netherlands	169 439	_	7 780	_	177 219	895
Sweden	529 132	270	8 100	_	537 502	2 073
United Kingdom	10 508 516	49 743	227 777	14 064	10 800 100	50 362
Total European Union	13 327 859	50 283	260 172	14 104	13 652 418	63 719
Norway	109 744	_	4 932	_	114 676	471
Switzerland	152 832	1 125	450	1 706	156 113	1 188
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	13 682 452	52 713	265 554	16 755	14 017 474	65 701
Israel	28 527	23	2 782	_	31 332	269
United Arab Emirates	37 548	670	2 070	45	40 333	141
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	98 618	693	6 688	45	106 043	501
Malaysia	138 040	5 738	2 772	11 273	157 822	940
Singapore	150 537	1 724	4 040	25 237	181 537	1 352
Total Southeast Asia (a)	381 862	8 461	7 928	36 609	434 859	2 823
Hong Kong	148 251	1 998	4 576	24 030	178 855	1 499
Japan	614 953	12 426	5 333	249	632 961	3 289
Total Northeast Asia (a)	792 727	14 424	10 485	48 279	865 915	5 022
Canada	972 208	32 706	3 285	_	1 008 199	5 556
United States of America	5 485 028	14 900	32 229	10 020	5 542 177	37 219
Total Northern America (a)	6 457 236	47 606	35 514	10 020	6 550 376	42 775
Total Other Regions (b)	56 389	2 100	2 673	_	61 162	345
Total All Countries	22 274 235	148 936	361 274	115 176	22 899 620	121 423

⁽a) Includes other countries as detailed in Standard Australian (b) Includes ships' stores. Classification of Countries (Cat. no. 1269.0).

⁽c) Free on board value, see Explanatory Note 5.

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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1996-1997	17 918	95 491	974	3 698	7 067	28 906	338	154 393
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
1998-1999								
February	1 473	10 272	48	330	551	3 485	65	16 226
March	1 910	12 880	137	493	490	4 267	23	20 201
April	1 107	9 987	75	322	738	4 208	60	16 498
May	1 159	13 686	89	389	691	4 842	66	20 922
June	r2 900	15 193	113	369	565	4 725	129	r23 993
1999-2000								
July	2 102	13 657	78	333	622	3 538	35	20 364
August	1 799	18 988	77	390	410	4 256	42	25 962
September	2 722	22 367	71	352	620	4 594	60	30 786
October	2 680	21 372	47	392	592	4 757	27	29 867
November	2 959	9 358	115	541	869	5 708	116	19 666
December	1 223	11 331	58	488	740	4 940	43	18 824
January	923	10 089	126	382	620	4 122	37	16 299
February	r1 135	r11 132	116	r 346	r 503	6 877	52	r20 161
March	r1 360	r16 096	80	r 424	583	r5 704	r 21	r24 268
April	864	14 017	106	435	866	6 550	61	22 900

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

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

- **2** The information on domestic sales of Australian produced wine is obtained from winemaking enterprises with sales of 250,000 litres or more in the previous financial year. These account for approximately 95% of total wine sales. All sales data are collected on an Australia-wide basis only and State figures are therefore not available.
- **3** Tables 1–3 include all sales by winemakers (within the scope of the collection) with the exception of exports, sales for ships' stores, sales of imported wine and brandy and inter-winery sales, the last exclusion being necessary to avoid duplication in the published figures. From July 1998 the definition for table wine in the glass container categories changed from '1 litre and under' to 'less than 2 litres'. This series has been retained as the contribution of the over 1 litre but under 2 litres containers (such as table wine in magnum sized bottles) is believed to have been less than 1%. There is an expectation this contribution will increase in the future. This has a consequential effect for the 'other containers' category which includes glass containers 2 litres and over from July 1998 (prior to this it was glass over 1 litre). This series will also be retained.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

- **4** 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.
- **5** 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.
- **6** 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.
- **7** For further information on the compilation of Trade Statistics refer to explanatory notes contained in *International Merchandise Trade*, *Australia* (Cat. no. 5422.0).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

- **8** 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).
- **9** 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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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES continued

- 10 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.
- **11** 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.
- **12** 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

16 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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