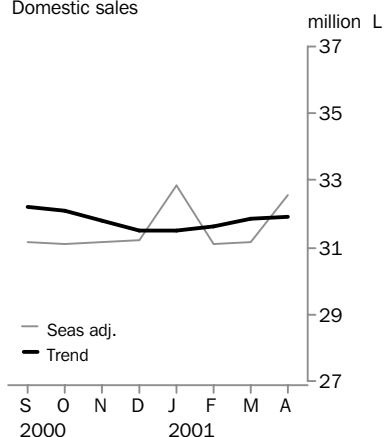


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



APRIL KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Apr 2001 '000 L	% change Mar 2001 to Apr 2001	% change Apr 2000 to Apr 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	31 940	0.3	6.9
White table wine sales	16 511	-0.4	4.8
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 698	0.3	12.1

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Apr 2001 '000 L	% change Mar 2001 to Apr 2001	% change Apr 2000 to Apr 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 569	4.5	13.0
White table wine sales	16 728	4.4	10.4
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 949	8.3	18.2

APRIL KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased in April 2001 to 31.9 million litres. This represents a 0.3% increase on March 2001 and a 6.9% increase on April 2000.
- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased 0.4% on March 2001 but increased 4.8% on April 2000.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé wine increased in April 2001 by 0.3% and by 12.1% on April 2000.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine was 32.6 million litres, up 4.5% on March 2001.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine rose 4.4% on March 2001, while the estimate for red/rosé wine increased by 8.3%.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 29.9 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during April, down by 5.2% on March 2001 but up by 14.3% on April 2000.
- Total Australian wine exports for April exceeded domestic wine sales by 2.4 million litres, in contrast to March when domestic wine sales exceeded wine exports by 4.1 million litres.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Daryl Evans on Adelaide 08 8237 7656 or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

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DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend estimate for white table wine sales in glass containers less than 2 litres is 5.3% higher than in April 2000 and 15.6% higher than in April 1998. This series has declined for seven consecutive months, falling 4.8% over that period. Red and rosé in glass containers less than 2 litres rose 8.4% on April 2000. This series has declined for five consecutive months (falling 4.2% overall), following a 9.6% rise over the previous five months.

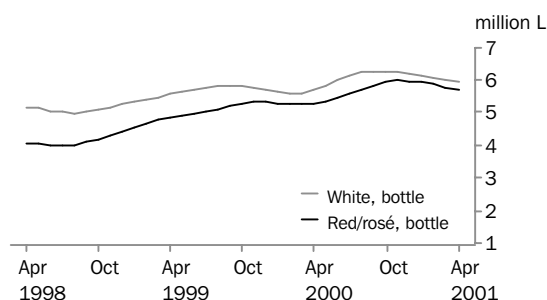
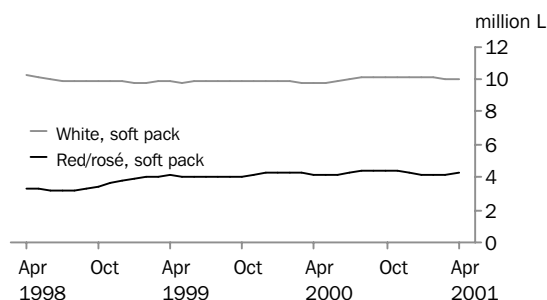


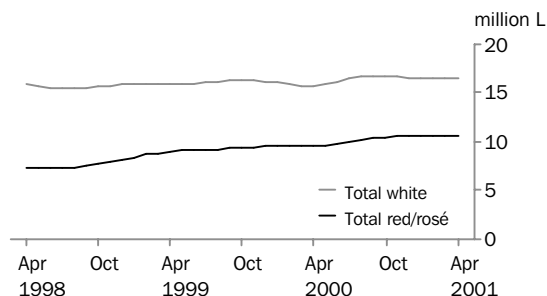
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series for sales of white table wine in soft packs has fallen 2.0% since October 2000 but is 2.2% higher than it was in April 2000. Similarly, the trend series for sales of red/rosé table wine in soft packs has fallen since October 2000 (by 4.2%) but is 1.0% higher than it was in April 2000.



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

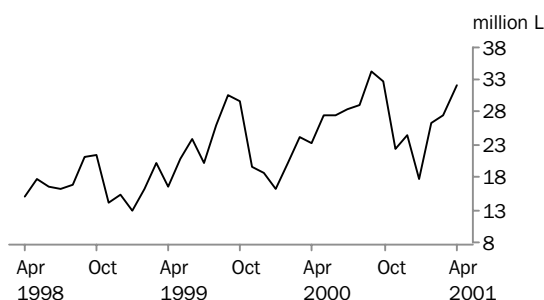
The trend series for total white table wine rose by 4.8% over the last twelve months. The trend estimate for total red/rosé wine has increased 12.1% since April 2000.



EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

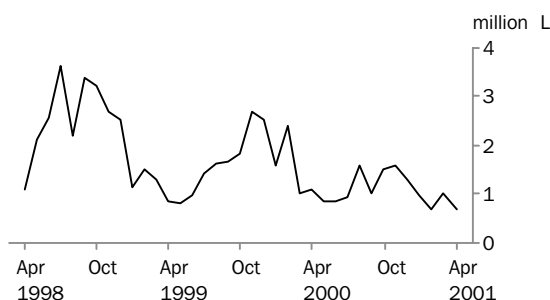
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for April 2001 shows exports of 32.3 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$171.4 million. The volume and value of exports are higher than the previous month by 17.7% and 12.9% respectively. In comparison with April 2000, wine exports have increased both in quantity and value by 38.5%. The average value of Australian wine exported in April 2001 was \$5.30 per litre, the same as April 2000. Exports to Europe and the Former USSR have increased by 60.8% since April 2000.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for April shows that 0.7 million litres of wine was imported, down 33.9% on March 2001 and down by 38.8% on April 2000. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in April was \$6.31 per litre, up from \$5.23 per litre in April 2000.



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

Original data for the March quarter 2001 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 0.5% on the same quarter in 2000. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased 3.7% while wine imports decreased 46.8%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased 10.0% over the same period in 2000 with exports rising by 17.8%.

Period	A Domestic sales of Australian produced wine '000 L	B Wine imports cleared for home consumption '000 L	A + B Wine available for consumption '000 L	C Exports of Australian produced wine '000 L	A + C Total disposals of Australian produced wine '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
Mar Qtr 2000	74 932	5 031	79 963	60 706	135 638
Mar Qtr 2001	77 718	2 676	80 394	71 489	149 207

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

Period	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
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
ORIGINAL									
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
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
1999-2000									
April	26 148	5 143	8 744	146	14 033	4 778	3 661	24	8 463
May	29 399	5 236	9 389	323	14 948	5 710	4 411	46	10 167
June	28 822	4 767	8 835	304	13 906	5 912	4 555	87	10 554
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	20 797	4 767	7 410	192	12 369	3 022	2 023	556	5 601
February	25 371	5 244	8 662	241	14 147	4 360	3 096	813	8 269
March	31 550	6 102	11 192	292	17 586	5 363	4 450	71	9 884
April	29 900	5 510	9 683	794	15 987	5 394	3 936	653	9 982
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1999-2000									
April	28 823	5 543	9 308	n.a.	15 151	4 939	4 003	n.a.	9 266
May	30 946	5 862	10 071	n.a.	16 492	5 541	4 301	n.a.	9 705
June	28 787	5 688	8 337	n.a.	13 848	5 476	3 698	n.a.	9 276
2000-2001									
July	31 149	6 038	10 773	n.a.	17 140	5 249	4 352	n.a.	9 869
August	36 600	6 946	11 655	n.a.	19 160	6 061	4 595	n.a.	10 828
September	31 168	6 293	9 340	n.a.	15 902	5 986	4 377	n.a.	10 358
October	31 080	5 977	9 909	n.a.	16 095	5 730	4 532	n.a.	10 336
November	31 178	6 115	9 904	n.a.	16 207	5 870	4 421	n.a.	10 313
December	31 199	6 022	9 832	n.a.	16 071	6 179	4 155	n.a.	10 526
January	32 844	6 616	11 675	n.a.	18 819	6 038	4 140	n.a.	10 753
February	31 078	6 053	9 195	n.a.	15 508	6 033	4 015	n.a.	10 869
March	31 155	5 827	9 936	n.a.	16 020	5 426	4 402	n.a.	10 109
April	32 569	5 914	10 025	n.a.	16 728	5 746	4 330	n.a.	10 949
TREND ESTIMATES									
1999-2000									
April	29 878	5 685	9 794	n.a.	15 762	5 293	4 189	n.a.	9 542
May	30 444	5 841	9 834	n.a.	15 933	5 364	4 162	n.a.	9 635
June	31 112	6 016	9 924	n.a.	16 203	5 464	4 187	n.a.	9 783
2000-2001									
July	31 675	6 150	10 015	n.a.	16 442	5 586	4 262	n.a.	9 967
August	32 048	6 236	10 112	n.a.	16 634	5 721	4 355	n.a.	10 161
September	32 227	6 288	10 193	n.a.	16 765	5 852	4 419	n.a.	10 345
October	32 087	6 286	10 208	n.a.	16 769	5 947	4 416	n.a.	10 466
November	31 769	6 238	10 168	n.a.	16 677	5 991	4 352	n.a.	10 516
December	31 516	6 177	10 121	n.a.	16 576	5 984	4 270	n.a.	10 536
January	31 489	6 127	10 119	n.a.	16 562	5 935	4 217	n.a.	10 567
February	31 631	6 084	10 116	n.a.	16 579	5 871	4 204	n.a.	10 615
March	31 830	6 037	10 094	n.a.	16 582	5 801	4 214	n.a.	10 663
April	31 940	5 985	10 004	n.a.	16 511	5 737	4 230	n.a.	10 698

(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 a l
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								
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
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	17 970	1 032	724	634	207	195	35	83
February	22 416	1 260	730	595	208	134	28	80
March	27 470	1 581	1 020	973	265	211	29	81
April	25 969	1 804	866	791	223	219	28	29

(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
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						
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
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

(a) Includes muscat, maderia, 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

Period	WINE TYPE(a).....						TOTAL WINE.....		BRANDY.....	
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value
	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000	'000L al	\$'000
IMPORTS(c) (d)										
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										
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										
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	r 462	3	139	77	680	r4 817	43	546
March	235	r 503	738	25	130	134	1 026	r5 888	14	366
April	129	341	469	8	72	129	678	4 279	22	373
EXPORTS(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										
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	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 123	r10 222	r17 346	116	169	55	r17 686	r96 899	3	61
February	r11 196	r14 612	r25 808	r 224	229	74	r26 335	r136 062	1	17
March	r10 209	r16 707	r26 916	r 171	r 325	r 56	r27 468	r151 795	1	29
April	13 732	17 951	31 683	158	400	91	32 332	171 433	4	18

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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.

EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, April 2001

Country/Region	WINE TYPE.....						TOTAL WINE.....	
	White table	Red/rosé table(c)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(d)
	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000
Fiji	8	7	16	—	4	—	20	92
New Zealand	348	894	1 242	4	84	37	1 367	6 049
Vanuatu	12	6	18	0	1	—	19	45
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	376	918	1 294	4	91	37	1 426	6 322
Belgium and Luxembourg	47	599	645	—	5	—	650	1 773
France	291	352	643	0	2	—	645	2 244
Germany, Federal Republic of	502	903	1 405	—	0	0	1 406	5 838
Ireland	298	378	676	0	1	—	677	4 098
Netherlands	435	298	733	—	2	—	735	3 224
United Kingdom	8 375	8 301	16 676	48	205	3	16 933	79 429
Total European Union	10 557	11 396	21 953	49	235	8	22 244	101 724
Norway	140	202	342	—	6	—	348	1 261
Switzerland	26	315	340	2	—	0	343	2 268
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	10 752	11 956	22 708	51	243	8	23 009	105 692
Israel	1	17	18	—	1	—	19	176
United Arab Emirates	47	48	95	1	4	0	101	334
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	48	66	115	1	5	0	121	525
Malaysia	33	139	172	5	1	1	179	1 200
Singapore	70	142	212	1	2	11	226	1 816
Total Southeast Asia (a)	206	325	531	6	6	12	555	3 759
Hong Kong	54	88	142	0	6	1	149	1 354
Japan	136	187	323	1	13	1	338	1 986
Total Northeast Asia (a)	200	316	516	1	19	2	538	3 899
Canada	318	910	1 228	58	2	0	1 288	8 767
United States of America	1 800	3 424	5 224	25	32	31	5 313	41 849
Total Northern America (a)	2 117	4 334	6 452	83	35	31	6 600	50 616
Total Other Regions (b)	32	36	68	13	0	1	82	620
Total All Countries	13 732	17 951	31 683	158	400	91	32 332	171 433

(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)

	<i>Oceania & Antarctica</i>	<i>Europe & the Former USSR</i>	<i>Middle East & North Africa</i>	<i>Southeast Asia</i>	<i>Northeast Asia</i>	<i>Northern America</i>	<i>Other(b)</i>	<i>Total all regions</i>
<i>Period</i>	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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								
February	1 135	11 132	116	346	504	6 877	53	20 163
March	1 360	16 109	80	426	586	5 704	21	24 286
April	913	14 308	106	437	878	6 649	61	23 352
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	920	9 947	165	309	669	5 627	50	r17 686
February	r1 159	16 329	109	r 771	601	7 245	122	r26 335
March	r1 474	r16 769	129	r 510	r 692	r7 786	108	r27 468
April	1 426	23 009	121	555	538	6 600	82	32 332

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(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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