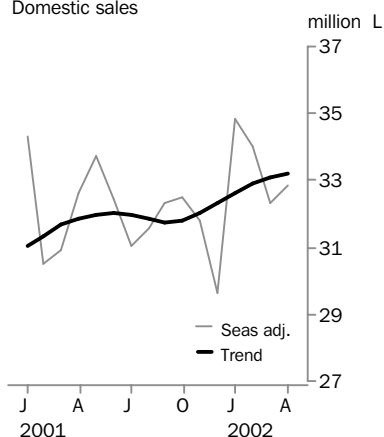


# SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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## Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



## APRIL KEY FIGURES

### TREND ESTIMATES

	Apr 2002 '000 L	% change Mar 2002 to Apr 2002	% change Apr 2001 to Apr 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	33 216	0.4	4.2
White table wine sales	16 703	-0.6	0.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 356	1.1	10.5

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Apr 2002 '000 L	% change Mar 2002 to Apr 2002	% change Apr 2001 to Apr 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 835	1.6	0.6
White table wine sales	16 522	0.7	-2.4
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 250	2.0	7.6

## APRIL KEY POINTS

### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased in April 2002 to 33.2 million litres, a 0.4% increase on March 2002 and a 4.2% increase on April 2001.
- The trend for white table wine has been decreasing since January but shows a 0.7% increase on April 2001.
- The trend for red and rosé table wine increased 1.1% on March 2002 and 10.5% on April 2001.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 32.8 million litres, up 1.6% on March 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine increased in April by 0.7% while the estimate for red/rosé table wine increased 2.0%.

### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 30.1 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during April, down 5.9% on March 2002 but up 4.0% on April 2001.
- Exports of Australian produced wine in April 2002 increased by 3.5 million litres over April 2001. Australia exported 395 million litres of wine with a value of \$1.987 billion in the twelve months ending April 2002. The total quantity of wine exported was 19.2% higher than for the corresponding period to April 2001, while the value increased by 17.9%.
- Exports of Australian produced wine exceeded domestic sales by 6.2 million litres in April 2002.

- 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.

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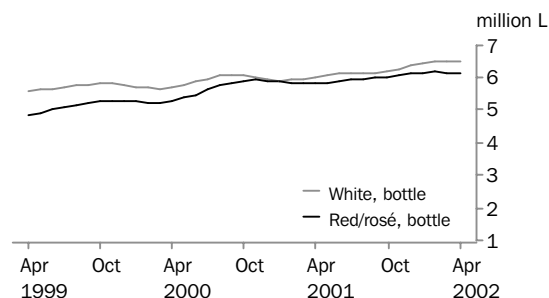
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## DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

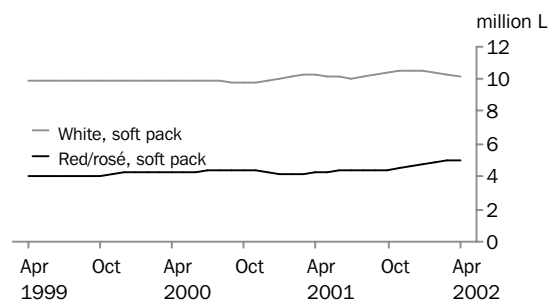
### TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend for sales of white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres increased 0.1% on March 2002 to 6.5 million litres, and is 7.9% higher than in April 2001. This series has increased for eight consecutive months, rising 5.7% overall. The corresponding trend for red and rosé table wine shows a slight decrease on March to 6.2 million litres, and is up 5.9% on April 2001.



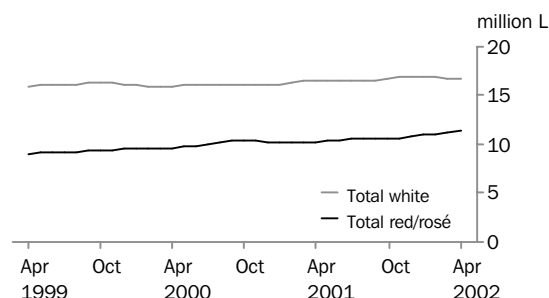
### TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend for sales of white table wine in soft packs has decreased for four consecutive months in 2002 to 10.1 million litres, 1.0% lower than in April 2001. The trend for sales of red/rosé in soft packs has increased for fourteen consecutive months to 5.1 million litres, 18.6% higher than in April 2001.



### TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

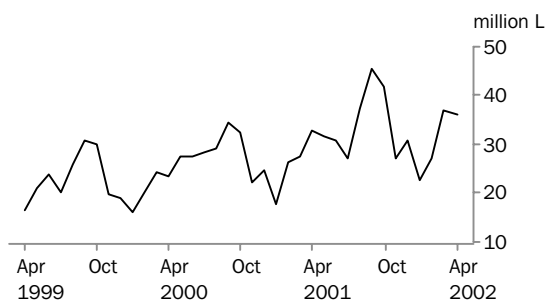
The trend for total sales of white table wine fell 0.6% compared to March 2002 to 16.7 million litre. This represents an increase of 0.7% on April 2001. The trend for total red/rosé table wine sales increased to 11.4 million litres, 1.1% higher than March 2002 and 10.5% higher than April 2001.



# EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

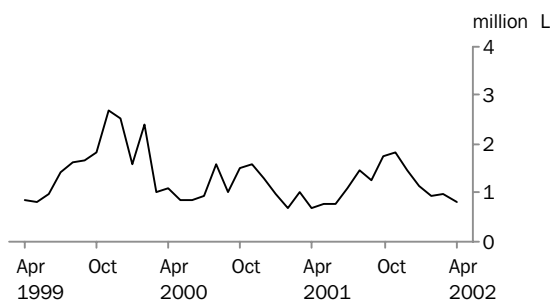
## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for April 2002 show exports of 36.3 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$184 million. The quantity and value of exports decreased by 1.7% and 2.2% respectively on the previous month. Compared to April 2001, wine exports have increased by 10.6% in quantity and 5.5% in value. The average value of Australian wine exported in April 2002 was \$5.08 per litre compared to \$5.33 per litre in April 2001.



## WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for April shows that 0.8 million litres of wine was imported, 14.2% less than in March 2002 but 22.6% more than in April 2001. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in April 2002 was \$8.83 per litre, up from \$6.31 per litre in April 2001.



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

Original data for the March quarter 2002 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased by 6.2% on the same quarter in 2001. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased by 6.0% and wine imports by 13.6%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 13.1% over the same period in 2001 with exports rising 20.8%.

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
<b>1998-1999</b>	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
<b>1999-2000</b>	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
<b>2000-2001</b>	384 847	12 773	397 620	338 289	723 136
March Qtr 2001	77 209	2 676	79 885	r71 633	r148 842
March Qtr 2002	81 818	r3 040	r84 858	r86 568	r168 386

## DOMESTIC SALES OF TOTAL AUSTRALIAN WINE &amp; 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	'000 L
ORIGINAL										
<b>1998-1999</b>	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088	
<b>1999-2000</b>	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053	
<b>2000-2001</b>	384 847	74 123	122 452	3 189	199 763	70 506	53 538	1 517	125 560	
<b>2000-2001</b>										
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	
<b>2001-2002</b>										
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	
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
<b>2000-2001</b>										
April	32 630	6 138	10 303	n.a.	16 937	5 836	4 317	n.a.	10 458	
May	33 719	6 137	10 486	n.a.	16 819	5 952	5 554	n.a.	11 677	
June	32 415	6 068	9 949	n.a.	16 573	6 158	4 454	n.a.	10 786	
<b>2001-2002</b>										
July	31 016	6 205	10 278	n.a.	16 546	5 664	4 437	n.a.	10 167	
August	31 550	6 024	9 484	n.a.	15 641	5 862	4 269	n.a.	10 276	
September	32 341	6 400	10 343	n.a.	16 885	6 262	4 424	n.a.	10 910	
October	32 479	6 051	10 839	n.a.	17 102	5 961	4 715	n.a.	10 769	
November	31 820	6 508	10 494	n.a.	16 925	6 191	4 423	n.a.	10 531	
December	29 624	5 615	9 972	n.a.	16 040	5 710	4 420	n.a.	10 185	
January	34 820	6 786	11 522	n.a.	18 075	6 172	5 538	n.a.	11 586	
February	34 030	7 086	10 021	n.a.	16 996	6 825	4 982	n.a.	11 801	
March	32 323	6 193	10 041	n.a.	16 415	5 870	4 996	n.a.	11 034	
April	32 835	6 281	10 129	n.a.	16 522	6 010	5 127	n.a.	11 250	
TREND ESTIMATES										
<b>2000-2001</b>										
April	31 878	6 031	10 251	n.a.	16 584	5 824	4 273	n.a.	10 276	
May	31 983	6 075	10 183	n.a.	16 567	5 838	4 331	n.a.	10 360	
June	32 056	6 126	10 130	n.a.	16 542	5 889	4 381	n.a.	10 454	
<b>2001-2002</b>										
July	31 993	6 157	10 099	n.a.	16 502	5 949	4 410	n.a.	10 518	
August	31 830	6 156	10 136	n.a.	16 490	5 974	4 421	n.a.	10 526	
September	31 729	6 162	10 251	n.a.	16 566	5 990	4 434	n.a.	10 526	
October	31 793	6 201	10 396	n.a.	16 715	6 022	4 466	n.a.	10 566	
November	32 032	6 275	10 516	n.a.	16 881	6 077	4 524	n.a.	10 665	
December	32 336	6 359	10 549	n.a.	16 976	6 130	4 616	n.a.	10 803	
January	32 626	6 433	10 496	n.a.	16 976	6 160	4 730	n.a.	10 953	
February	32 888	6 482	10 393	n.a.	16 911	6 175	4 851	n.a.	11 105	
March	33 081	6 499	10 270	n.a.	16 806	6 172	4 968	n.a.	11 236	
April	33 216	6 507	10 150	n.a.	16 703	6 169	5 066	n.a.	11 356	

(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 a l
<b>1998-1999</b>	287 398	23 920	20 292	12 325	1 447	2 141	824	905
<b>1999-2000</b>	307 091	22 991	18 220	14 352	3 514	2 352	754	837
<b>2000-2001</b>	325 325	22 185	16 706	13 952	3 292	3 011	372	901
<b>2000-2001</b>								
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
<b>2001-2002</b>								
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
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

(a) Spritzig table wines are included with table wine.

(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.

## 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
<b>1998-1999</b>	2 792	5 226	465	7 906	7 532	23 920
<b>1999-2000</b>	2 549	5 008	341	7 796	7 293	22 991
<b>2000-2001</b>	2 327	4 674	353	8 160	6 674	22 185
<b>2000-2001</b>						
April	194	334	22	693	562	1 804
May	290	514	33	908	682	2 426
June	203	421	32	878	740	2 274
<b>2001-2002</b>						
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

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

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

## IMPORTS CLEARED &amp; 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 at	\$'000
IMPORTS(c)(d)										
<b>1998-1999</b>	20 136		20 136	92	2 915	1 113	24 255	102 498	598	7 528
<b>1999-2000</b>	3 795	10 304	14 099	685	3 827	995	19 607	113 868	577	7 328
<b>2000-2001</b>	3 318	4 800	8 118	106	2 913	1 637	12 773	92 211	504	7 575
<b>2000-2001</b>										
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
<b>2001-2002</b>										
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	279	555	15	127	134	831	7 341	45	639
EXPORTS(e)										
<b>1998-1999</b>	105 348	100 940	206 287	2 244	6 937	681	216 149	1 067 979	24	246
<b>1999-2000</b>	129 586	143 256	272 842	2 287	9 088	717	284 935	1 372 768	19	243
<b>2000-2001</b>	148 273	180 347	328 620	2 032	6 546	1 091	338 289	1 752 082	19	286
<b>2000-2001</b>										
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	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
<b>2001-2002</b>										
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	14 172	26 340	179	769	35	27 323	133 248	1	9
December	12 716	17 365	30 081	137	439	166	30 823	167 541	5	23
January	9 614	12 515	22 129	137	300	20	22 586	105 277	—	13
February	10 449	15 963	26 412	199	427	48	27 086	136 386	1	5
March	14 726	21 260	35 986	209	634	66	36 896	188 683	1	6
April	13 236	21 919	35 155	409	627	91	36 282	184 448	10	81

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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 2002

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
New Caledonia	5	16	21	—	—	—	22	37
New Zealand	484	681	1 165	14	103	21	1 302	5 999
Papua New Guinea	11	14	25	3	1	—	29	128
Total Oceania and Antarctica	520	728	1 248	17	106	22	1 393	6 403
Denmark	203	939	1 142	—	6	—	1 148	3 486
Germany, Federal Republic of	179	489	668	5	—	—	673	2 627
Ireland	260	290	550	—	18	—	567	2 903
Netherlands	456	306	762	—	2	—	764	3 199
Sweden	369	285	654	—	16	—	670	2 794
United Kingdom	6 968	8 442	15 410	307	375	24	16 116	69 128
Total European Union	8 694	11 346	20 040	322	431	24	20 817	87 407
Norway	32	140	173	—	—	—	173	623
Switzerland	50	313	363	—	—	6	369	2 217
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	8 793	11 872	20 665	322	433	30	21 449	90 476
Bahrain	10	13	24	—	4	—	27	71
United Arab Emirates	50	50	100	—	6	—	107	360
Total Middle East and North Africa	73	92	165	1	10	—	177	537
Malaysia	28	134	162	1	1	3	166	1 339
Singapore	64	151	215	2	2	11	230	2 298
Total Southeast Asia	168	388	556	4	6	14	580	4 585
Hong Kong	44	122	166	—	4	2	172	1 527
Japan	103	179	282	—	24	6	312	2 030
Total Northeast Asia	176	384	559	—	28	18	606	4 253
Canada	415	1 095	1 510	27	7	—	1 544	11 503
United States of America	3 039	7 311	10 350	37	34	7	10 429	66 156
Total Northern America	3 461	8 411	11 872	64	41	7	11 985	77 756
Total Other Regions (b)	46	44	90	—	2	—	93	439
Total All Countries	13 236	21 919	35 155	409	627	91	36 282	184 448

(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 &amp; Antarctica</i>	<i>Europe &amp; the Former USSR</i>	<i>Middle East &amp; 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
<b>1998-1999</b>	23 660	133 143	858	4 298	7 664	45 939	587	<b>216 149</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>	22 219	186 398	1 112	4 839	8 208	61 519	639	<b>284 935</b>
<b>2000-2001</b>	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	<b>338 289</b>
<b>2000-2001</b>								
February	1 159	16 329	109	771	601	7 245	122	<b>26 336</b>
March	1 474	16 889	129	521	692	7 795	108	<b>27 609</b>
April	1 259	23 570	121	580	545	6 659	82	<b>32 816</b>
May	1 927	20 270	84	400	726	8 092	73	<b>31 571</b>
June	1 998	19 384	170	472	935	7 810	106	<b>30 875</b>
<b>2001-2002</b>								
July	2 028	18 054	101	432	639	5 618	111	<b>26 982</b>
August	2 434	25 620	148	517	983	7 402	72	<b>37 177</b>
September	3 782	30 656	79	532	1 041	9 300	68	<b>45 456</b>
October	3 627	27 353	58	693	859	8 999	85	<b>41 676</b>
November	2 684	15 544	105	724	858	7 317	91	<b>27 323</b>
December	1 508	16 212	235	464	642	11 716	45	<b>30 823</b>
January	r3 096	12 581	95	399	585	5 775	55	<b>r22 586</b>
February	r1 389	r16 779	94	484	r645	7 638	56	<b>r27 086</b>
March	r1 539	r22 131	r135	r629	r909	r11 467	87	<b>r36 896</b>
April	1 393	21 449	177	580	606	11 985	93	<b>36 282</b>

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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 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).

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### 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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