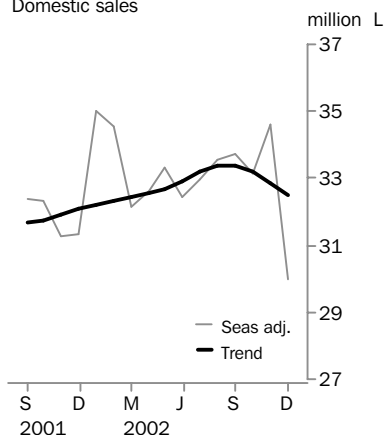


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



DECEMBER KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Dec 2002 '000 L	% change Nov 2002 to Dec 2002	% change Dec 2001 to Dec 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 477	-1.2	1.3
White table wine sales	16 279	-0.8	-2.8
Red and rosé table wine sales	12 018	0.3	11.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Dec 2002 '000 L	% change Nov 2002 to Dec 2002	% change Dec 2001 to Dec 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	29 976	-13.4	-4.4
White table wine sales	15 156	-13.4	-7.6
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 324	-10.2	5.8

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 32.5 million litres in December 2002, a decrease of 1.2% on November 2002 but a 1.3% increase on December 2001.
- The trend estimate for white table wine sales decreased 0.8% on November 2002 and 2.8% on December 2001.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé wine increased 0.3% on November 2002 and 11.6% on December 2001.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 30.0 million litres in December 2002, a decrease of 13.4% on the previous month.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 13.4% on November 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé table wine decreased 10.2% on November 2002.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 35.9 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically in December, down 20.8% on November 2002 and 0.8% on December 2001.
- Exports of Australian produced wine for December 2002 increased 51.9% over December 2001. Australia exported 470.2 million litres with a value of \$2.3 billion in the twelve months ending December 2002, an increase of 24.9% in volume and 20.7% in value over the corresponding period to December 2001.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Merv Leaker on Adelaide 08 8237 7536 or the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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January 2003	4 March 2003
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

This issue contains revisions of an additional 0.9 million litres in total to the domestic sales of wine across most wine categories for December 2001. In addition, October 2002 contains a minor revision for white table wine in the 'all other containers' category. These revisions are the result of revised figures being provided by respondents to the collection.

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Dennis Trewin
Australian Statistician

DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend series for sales of white wine in glass containers less than 2 litres increased by 0.1% on November 2002 and by 7.0% on December 2001. This series has increased for eight consecutive months (rising 7.5% overall). The trend estimate for red and rosé wine sales (in glass containers of less than 2 litres) increased by 0.7% on November 2002 and 11.3% on December 2001. This series has increased for eleven consecutive months (rising 11.5% overall).

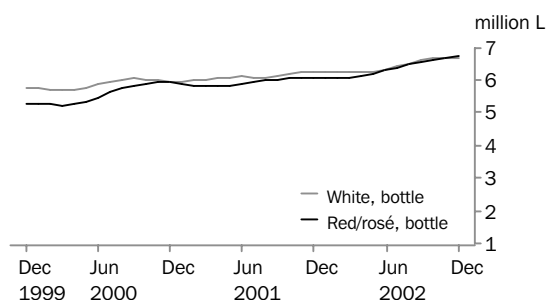
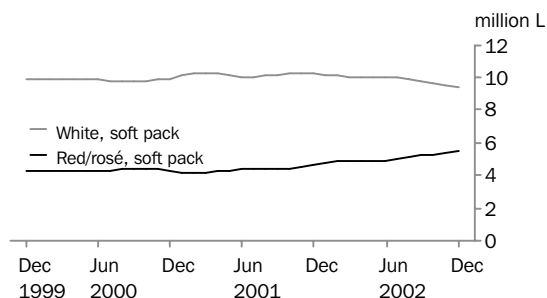


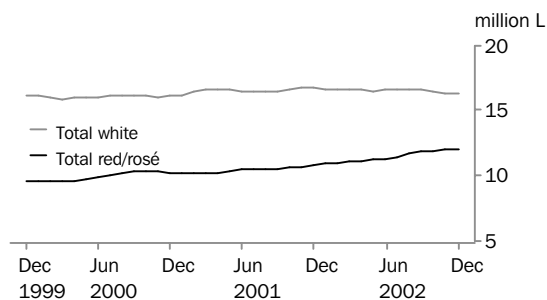
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series for domestic sales of white table wine in soft packs has decreased for eight consecutive months (falling 6.5% overall). Conversely, the trend series for red and rosé wine in soft packs has increased for seven consecutive months (rising 10.4% overall).



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

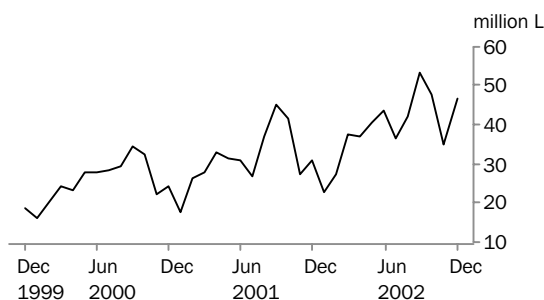
The trend series for total sales of white table wine fell 0.8% over November 2002 and 2.8% on December 2001. The trend estimate for total red and rosé wine rose 0.3% over November 2002 and 11.6% on December 2001. This series has increased for twenty three consecutive months (rising 18.3% overall).



EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

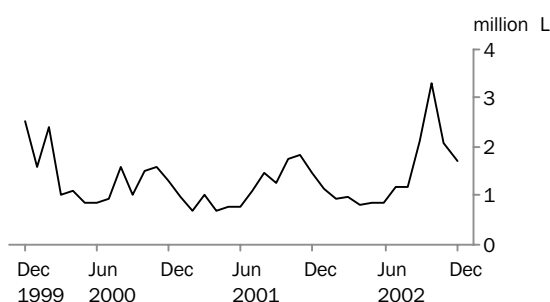
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

In original terms, 46.8 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$229.1 million were exported in December 2002. The quantity and value of exports increased 34.1% and 31.6% respectively on the previous month. Compared to December 2001, the quantity and value increased 51.9% and 36.7% respectively. The average value of Australian wine exported in December was \$4.89 per litre, down from \$5.44 per litre in December 2001.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

In original terms, 1.7 million litres of wine, valued at \$16.5 million were cleared for home consumption in December 2002. The average value of wine was \$9.54 per litre, up from \$8.32 per litre in December 2001.



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

Original data for the December quarter 2002 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased by 6.8% on the same quarter in 2001. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased by 5.3% and wine imports by 40.5%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 16.7% over the same period in 2001 with exports rising 29.5%.

	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
1999-2000	369 271	19 607	388 877	284 935	654 206
2000-2001	384 847	12 773	397 621	338 289	723 136
2001-2002	r386 232	14 479	r400 711	418 390	r804 622
Dec Qtr 2001	r111 941	5 064	r117 005	99 826	r211 767
Dec Qtr 2002	117 820	7 114	124 934	129 286	247 106

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

TABLE-WHITE WINE.....

TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ WINE.....

		Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Other containers(b)	Total	Glass less than 2 litres	Soft packs(a)	Other containers(b)	Total
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
ORIGINAL									
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
2000-01	384 847	74 123	122 452	3 189	199 763	70 506	53 538	1 517	125 560
2001-02	r386 232	r75 662	r122 744	r1 459	r199 866	r73 626	r56 071	693	r130 389
2001-2002									
December	r36 176	r7 666	r10 904	r268	r18 838	r6 118	r4 144	129	r10 390
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
May	34 882	5 871	11 483	87	17 441	7 251	5 606	58	12 915
June	29 602	5 431	8 587	36	14 054	6 853	4 930	19	11 801
2002-2003									
July	35 040	6 205	10 625	52	16 881	7 198	6 161	16	13 375
August	34 629	6 228	9 841	114	16 184	7 166	6 374	19	13 558
September	33 407	6 959	9 402	65	16 427	6 892	5 060	24	11 975
October	36 626	7 433	10 296	r106	r17 835	7 274	5 366	19	12 660
November	45 300	9 868	12 110	129	22 108	8 672	6 680	10	15 363
December	35 894	8 134	9 570	147	17 851	6 578	4 711	14	11 303
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2001-2002									
December	31 347	6 091	10 090	n.a.	16 397	6 096	4 530	n.a.	10 703
January	35 016	7 054	11 994	n.a.	18 503	6 214	5 547	n.a.	11 654
February	34 564	7 259	10 013	n.a.	17 181	6 919	4 948	n.a.	11 920
March	32 135	6 072	10 111	n.a.	16 386	5 815	4 969	n.a.	10 967
April	32 628	6 326	10 150	n.a.	16 651	6 082	5 148	n.a.	11 148
May	33 293	6 234	10 851	n.a.	17 079	6 506	5 054	n.a.	11 487
June	32 463	6 607	9 339	n.a.	16 315	6 455	4 450	n.a.	11 221
2002-2003									
July	32 965	6 310	10 540	n.a.	17 015	6 215	4 934	n.a.	11 129
August	33 556	6 238	9 699	n.a.	16 032	6 312	5 350	n.a.	11 801
September	33 751	6 829	9 876	n.a.	16 785	6 740	5 128	n.a.	11 888
October	33 128	6 723	9 644	n.a.	16 415	6 700	5 176	n.a.	11 933
November	34 617	7 000	10 120	n.a.	17 492	6 864	5 970	n.a.	12 603
December	29 976	6 384	8 716	n.a.	15 156	6 570	4 975	n.a.	11 324
TREND ESTIMATES									
2001-2002									
December	32 068	6 281	10 261	n.a.	16 749	6 068	4 637	n.a.	10 773
January	32 219	6 283	10 181	n.a.	16 701	6 060	4 765	n.a.	10 894
February	32 329	6 274	10 106	n.a.	16 626	6 066	4 864	n.a.	10 998
March	32 434	6 256	10 066	n.a.	16 569	6 096	4 921	n.a.	11 086
April	32 560	6 248	10 077	n.a.	16 567	6 149	4 946	n.a.	11 165
May	32 670	6 267	10 069	n.a.	16 551	6 221	4 934	n.a.	11 227
June	32 890	6 338	10 047	n.a.	16 565	6 316	4 936	n.a.	11 333
2002-2003									
July	33 174	6 442	10 001	n.a.	16 599	6 415	4 990	n.a.	11 491
August	33 367	6 539	9 928	n.a.	16 613	6 503	5 093	n.a.	11 664
September	33 363	6 611	9 828	n.a.	16 581	6 577	5 214	n.a.	11 814
October	33 182	6 673	9 700	n.a.	16 512	6 648	5 318	n.a.	11 925
November	32 863	6 714	9 549	n.a.	16 403	6 705	5 390	n.a.	11 986
December	32 477	6 719	9 426	n.a.	16 279	6 754	5 449	n.a.	12 018

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(a) Soft pack containers include all collapsible packs, plastic or otherwise.

(b) 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 al
1999-2000	307 091	22 991	18 220	14 352	3 514	2 352	754	837
2000-01	325 325	22 185	16 706	13 952	3 292	3 011	372	901
2001-02	330 254	20 384	17 686	12 000	3 123	2 454	332	701
2001-2002								
December	r29 229	r1 718	r2 667	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
May	30 356	2 066	1 388	583	258	210	21	56
June	25 855	1 812	1 060	516	151	189	19	55
2002-2003								
July	30 256	2 310	1 278	649	270	253	23	58
August	29 742	1 890	1 794	772	202	206	22	72
September	28 401	1 618	2 291	691	201	184	21	49
October	30 495	1 733	2 930	975	278	192	23	56
November	37 470	2 060	3 740	1 401	303	298	27	64
December	29 154	1 656	3 407	1 066	313	270	29	89

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(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
1999-2000	2 549	5 008	341.0	7 796	7 293	22 991
2000-01	2 327	4 674	353	8 160	6 674	22 185
2001-02	2 102	4 052	333	8 369	5 529	20 384
2001-2002						
December	220	r419	r35	r603	441	r1 718
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
May	197	425	33	903	509	2 066
June	177	349	24	862	399	1 812
2002-2003						
July	218	436	39	1 006	611	2 310
August	195	374	36	792	493	1 890
September	161	334	20	672	432	1 618
October	183	343	24	709	474	1 733
November	219	515	27	833	467	2 060
December	223	403	30	574	425	1 656

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(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)										
1999-2000	3 795	10 304	14 099	685	3 827	995	19 607	113 868	577	7 328
2000-01	3 318	4 800	8 118	106	2 913	1 637	12 773	92 211	504	7 575
2001-02	4 658	4 540	9 198	201	3 282	1 798	14 479	115 556	577	9 026
2001-2002										
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	280	555	15	127	134	831	7 342	45	639
May	274	290	564	9	178	89	841	6 294	49	758
June	374	263	637	7	131	101	875	6 502	36	616
2002-2003										
July	520	404	924	9	163	89	1 184	9 658	54	846
August	463	282	745	16	276	165	1 202	10 588	53	838
September	1 026	402	1 429	32	455	192	2 108	14 642	48	741
October	1 376	1 096	2 472	8	728	92	3 300	23 304	47	735
November	607	734	1 342	6	574	r164	r2 085	r17 399	61	1 200
December	477	423	900	35	511	284	1 729	16 499	69	1 357
EXPORTS(e)										
1999-2000	129 586	143 256	272 842	2 287	9 088	717	284 935	1 372 768	19	243
2000-01	148 273	180 347	328 620	2 032	6 546	1 091	338 289	1 752 082	19	286
2001-02	175 741	230 465	406 205	2 698	8 048	1 438	418 390	2 105 128	24	208
2001-2002										
October	17 800	22 436	40 236	273	1 075	92	41 676	203 657	1	17
November	12 167	14 173	26 339	179	769	35	27 323	133 249	1	9
December	12 716	17 365	30 081	137	443	166	30 827	167 597	5	23
January	9 625	12 467	22 092	148	301	20	22 561	105 515	—	13
February	10 219	16 271	26 490	252	427	48	27 217	136 989	1	5
March	14 871	21 772	36 643	211	636	65	37 555	191 990	1	6
April	13 592	22 469	36 061	407	646	88	37 203	189 092	10	81
May	16 662	23 076	39 738	147	662	153	40 700	210 881	1	11
June	17 960	24 817	42 776	275	608	55	43 714	225 343	2	21
2002-2003										
July	r14 892	r20 747	r35 639	169	603	134	r36 546	r176 627	—	—
August	r18 414	r22 410	r40 824	319	769	r49	r41 961	r197 639	—	—
September	r21 230	r30 761	r51 991	399	971	70	r53 431	r267 327	6	18
October	r18 669	r27 206	r45 875	432	r1 142	94	r47 543	r227 936	2	26
November	r13 155	r20 591	r33 746	r214	r878	r81	r34 919	r174 146	1	16
December	18 121	27 958	46 079	295	409	41	46 824	229 112	—	13

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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, December 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
Fiji	20	17	37	2	7	1	46	214
New Zealand	279	459	738	8	71	13	830	3 864
Papua New Guinea	9	12	21	2	3	—	27	107
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	328	505	833	19	85	13	951	4 415
Belgium and Luxembourg	145	462	607	—	5	—	612	1 944
Denmark	245	553	799	—	—	—	799	2 634
Germany, Federal Republic of	345	862	1 207	—	1	—	1 207	3 953
Netherlands	335	421	756	—	9	—	765	2 771
Sweden	167	478	645	—	25	—	670	2 323
United Kingdom	9 542	10 169	19 711	145	142	—	19 999	83 523
Total European Union	11 213	13 584	24 797	146	194	—	25 137	102 938
Norway	52	71	123	2	5	—	129	643
Switzerland	18	328	346	—	15	—	361	2 313
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	11 300	14 004	25 304	148	215	—	25 667	106 092
Bahrain	9	8	17	—	3	—	20	48
United Arab Emirates	45	47	92	10	2	—	104	380
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	70	74	144	10	7	—	161	594
Malaysia	30	95	125	1	1	—	127	1 082
Singapore	93	239	332	—	4	6	342	2 947
Total Southeast Asia (a)	198	487	685	2	6	7	700	5 439
Hong Kong	73	159	232	—	3	—	236	1 941
Japan	130	203	333	8	7	19	367	1 948
Total Northeast Asia (a)	261	500	761	8	12	19	801	5 012
Canada	396	999	1 396	14	12	—	1 421	8 837
United States of America	5 525	11 320	16 845	82	65	1	16 993	97 952
Total Northern America	5 921	12 319	18 240	96	77	1	18 414	106 789
Total Other Regions (b)	42	69	111	13	6	—	131	771
Total All Countries	18 121	27 958	46 079	295	409	41	46 824	229 112

(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
1999-2000	22 219	186 398	1 112	4 839	8 208	61 519	639	284 935
2000-01	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	338 289
2001-02	27 273	260 436	1 492	6 685	9 851	111 735	917	418 390
2001-2002								
October	3 627	27 353	58	693	859	8 999	85	41 676
November	2 683	15 544	105	724	858	7 317	91	27 323
December	1 508	16 212	235	464	642	11 720	45	30 827
January	3 111	12 585	95	399	585	5 732	55	22 561
February	1 389	16 840	94	484	645	7 708	56	27 217
March	1 539	22 443	135	630	920	11 802	87	37 555
April	1 430	21 933	177	598	624	12 344	97	37 203
May	1 912	25 139	138	726	1 086	11 631	68	40 700
June	1 829	28 059	128	485	969	12 161	83	43 714
2002-2003								
July	1 979	r22 900	108	740	683	r10 070	66	r36 546
August	3 406	r27 258	111	r 411	633	r10 049	93	r41 961
September	2 813	r35 073	86	775	r 573	r14 035	76	r53 431
October	r3 477	r29 614	116	r 771	842	r12 637	85	r47 543
November	r4 136	r15 556	134	r 667	r 970	r13 324	r 131	r34 919
December	951	25 667	161	700	801	18 414	131	46 824

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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 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 (including re-imports, that is, goods originating in Australia that have been exported but then returned to source) 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 *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends', an Overview* (cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra 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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