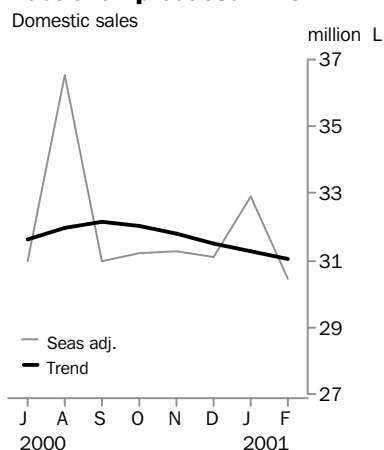




## SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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### Australian produced wine



### FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

#### TREND ESTIMATES

	Feb 2001 '000 L	% change Jan 2001 to Feb 2001	% change Feb 2000 to Feb 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	31 010	-0.9	4.0
White table wine sales	16 517	-0.3	4.0
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 448	-0.3	9.5

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Feb 2001 '000 L	% change Jan 2001 to Feb 2001	% change Feb 2000 to Feb 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	30 453	-7.5	-2.3
White table wine sales	15 463	-17.8	-5.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 215	-5.5	3.0

### FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

#### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series estimate for total domestic wine sales of Australian produced wine fell 0.9% in February to 31.0 million litres. However, the trend estimate was 4.0% higher than February 2000.
- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased by 0.3% in February but was 4.0% higher than February 2000.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé wine decreased 0.3% in February but was 9.5% higher than February 2000.

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimates for total sales of Australian produced wine was 30.5 million litres, down 7.5% on January 2001.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine decreased by 17.8% in February 2001, while the estimate for red/rosé decreased by 5.5%.

#### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 24.7 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically by winemakers in February 2001, up 18.7% on January 2001 but down 6.2% on February 2000.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Helen Shannon on Adelaide 08 8237 7420 or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

# NOTES

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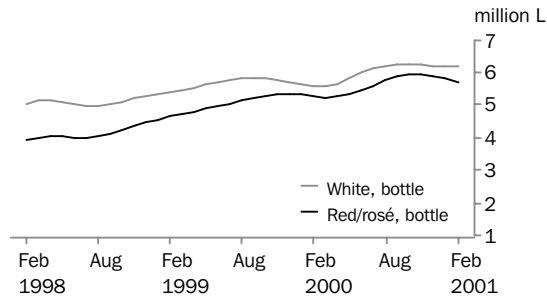


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# DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

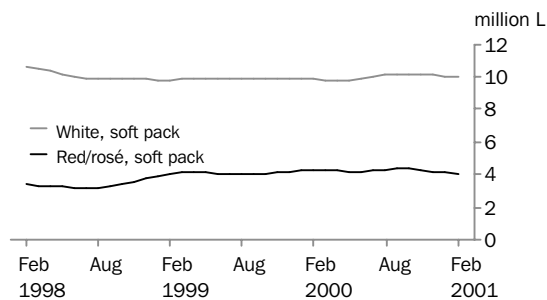
## TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend estimate for white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres was 10.9% higher than in February 2000 and 22.9% higher than in February 1998. The trend estimate for red and rosé in glass containers less than 2 litres while showing a slight decline in recent months was up 8.9% on February 2000 and 45.1% on February 1998.



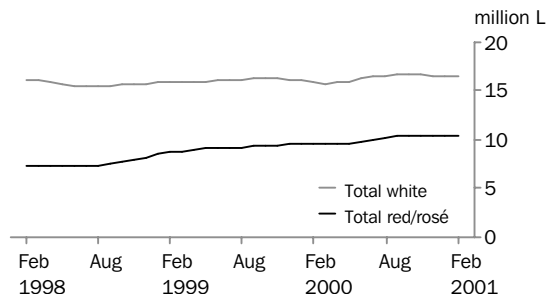
## TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in February for white table wine in soft packs was 1.7% higher than in February 2000, but was 5.6% lower than in February 1998. The February estimate for red/rosé wine in soft pack was 7.0% lower than February 2000 but up 18.9% on February 1998.



## TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

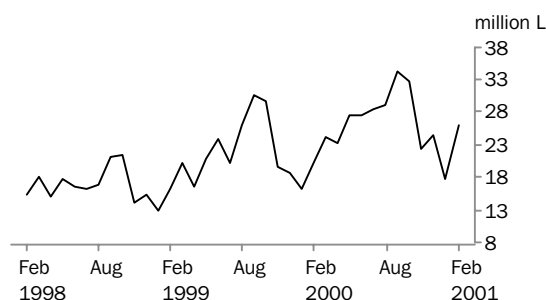
The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine was 4.0% higher than in February 2000 and up 2.1% on February 1998. The trend estimate for total red/rosé increased 9.5% since February 2000 and by 42.3% since February 1998.



# EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

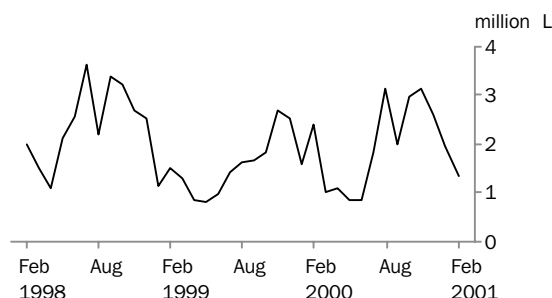
## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for February 2001 shows exports of 26.1 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$135 million. The volume and value of exports are higher than the previous month by 47.7% and 39.6% respectively. In comparison with February 2000, wine exports have increased in quantity and value by 29.5% and 28.3% respectively. The average value of Australian wine exported in February 2001 was \$5.18 per litre compared to \$5.23 per litre in February 2000.



## WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for February shows that 1.4 million litres of wine was imported, up 40.1% on January 2001 but down by 43.5% on February 2000. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in February 2001 was \$7.08 per litre, up from \$3.43 per litre in February 2000.



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

Original data for the December quarter 2000 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia decreased 5.7% on the same quarter in 1999. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased 3.7% while wine imports decreased 37.6%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased 3.7% over the same period in 1999 with exports rising by 16.2%.

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>1997-1998</b>	338 814	25 622	364 436	192 404	531 218
<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
Dec Qtr 1999	115 498	7 039	122 537	68 370	183 868
Dec Qtr 2000	111 177	4 390	115 567	r79 456	r190 633

## DOMESTIC SALES OF TOTAL AUSTRALIAN WINE &amp; TABLE WINE BY CONTAINER TYPE

Period	TABLE-WHITE WINE.....				TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ WINE.....				
	Total wine '000 L	Glass less than 2 litres(a) '000 L	Soft packs(b) '000 L	Other containers(c) '000 L	Total '000 L	Glass less than 2 litres(a) '000 L	Soft packs(b) '000 L	Other containers(c) '000 L	Total '000 L
ORIGINAL									
<b>1997-1998</b>	338 814	59 352	125 269	4 888	189 512	46 746	41 295	868	88 909
<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>1999-2000</b>									
February	26 343	5 109	10 115	327	15 551	4 224	3 552	38	7 813
March	32 145	6 243	11 824	317	18 384	5 315	4 603	67	9 984
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
<b>2000-2001</b>									
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	24 697	5 244	8 662	241	14 147	3 685	3 096	813	7 595
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
<b>1999-2000</b>									
February	31 176	5 833	10 502	n.a.	16 399	5 573	4 361	n.a.	9 922
March	30 994	5 846	10 376	n.a.	16 336	5 251	4 770	n.a.	9 782
April	29 223	5 471	9 393	n.a.	15 613	4 834	3 966	n.a.	9 245
May	31 131	5 912	10 065	n.a.	16 552	5 555	4 258	n.a.	9 768
June	28 642	5 608	8 328	n.a.	13 749	5 451	3 806	n.a.	9 262
<b>2000-2001</b>									
July	30 983	6 032	10 743	n.a.	17 008	5 333	4 280	n.a.	9 854
August	36 520	6 953	11 677	n.a.	19 139	6 078	4 577	n.a.	10 796
September	30 995	6 324	9 322	n.a.	15 887	5 947	4 360	n.a.	10 318
October	31 206	5 966	9 913	n.a.	16 134	5 764	4 487	n.a.	10 380
November	31 296	6 143	9 871	n.a.	16 181	5 914	4 386	n.a.	10 327
December	31 116	6 071	9 807	n.a.	16 048	6 212	4 094	n.a.	10 486
January	32 928	6 647	11 636	n.a.	18 802	6 106	4 060	n.a.	10 812
February	30 453	6 123	9 173	n.a.	15 463	5 208	3 961	n.a.	10 215
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>1999-2000</b>									
February	29 811	5 596	9 881	n.a.	15 887	5 269	4 305	n.a.	9 538
March	29 706	5 583	9 834	n.a.	15 794	5 240	4 282	n.a.	9 520
April	29 956	5 660	9 820	n.a.	15 824	5 262	4 233	n.a.	9 540
May	30 492	5 814	9 854	n.a.	15 985	5 339	4 197	n.a.	9 626
June	31 110	5 994	9 934	n.a.	16 226	5 452	4 202	n.a.	9 770
<b>2000-2001</b>									
July	31 625	6 137	10 014	n.a.	16 430	5 591	4 256	n.a.	9 954
August	31 985	6 233	10 103	n.a.	16 597	5 756	4 332	n.a.	10 162
September	32 165	6 285	10 175	n.a.	16 708	5 889	4 391	n.a.	10 343
October	32 043	6 277	10 175	n.a.	16 712	5 952	4 381	n.a.	10 443
November	31 771	6 248	10 139	n.a.	16 656	5 962	4 308	n.a.	10 482
December	31 510	6 231	10 109	n.a.	16 607	5 925	4 208	n.a.	10 491
January	31 296	6 226	10 071	n.a.	16 559	5 855	4 103	n.a.	10 484
February	31 010	6 208	10 051	n.a.	16 517	5 738	4 006	n.a.	10 448

(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.

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## DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

Period	Table	Fortified	Sparkling bottle fermentation(a)	Sparkling bulk fermentation(a)	Carbonated	Other wine products(b)	Vermouth	Brandy(c)
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L a/l
<b>1997-1998</b>	278 422	24 574	22 310	8 759	1 641	2 145	963	974
<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>1999-2000</b>								
February	23 364	1 444	617	401	218	163	137	63
March	28 368	1 717	851	663	323	192	31	43
April	22 495	1 663	797	724	256	153	60	52
May	25 115	2 342	701	762	234	218	28	43
June	24 460	2 514	625	662	231	222	108	81
<b>2000-2001</b>								
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	21 742	1 260	730	595	208	134	28	80

(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.

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## DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

Period	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
	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
<b>1997-1998</b>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	24 574
<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>1999-2000</b>						
February	152	224	15	525	529	1 444
March	174	339	25	688	490	1 717
April	177	300	28	628	529	1 663
May	288	485	33	813	722	2 342
June	255	483	35	853	887	2 514
<b>2000-2001</b>						
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

(a) Includes muscat, maderia, 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>1997-1998</b>	n.a.	n.a.	21 447	135	2 996	1 044	25 622	92 926	661	7 861
<b>1998-1999</b>	n.a.	n.a.	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>1999-2000</b>										
December	596	1 191	1 787	77	531	124	2 519	18 362	89	1 289
January	219	1 059	1 277	50	192	80	1 599	5 963	45	540
February	299	1 732	2 031	39	259	77	2 406	8 247	33	588
March	303	453	755	52	156	62	1 026	6 131	37	519
April	362	437	798	71	140	99	1 108	5 797	42	438
May	227	366	592	53	162	65	873	6 007	36	392
June	233	347	580	31	158	71	840	5 234	49	617
<b>2000-2001</b>										
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	423	195	1 577	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	6 446	60	896
February	359	563	922	5	278	153	1 359	9 615	49	1 092
EXPORTS (e)										
<b>1997-1998</b>	98 045	84 979	183 024	2 505	6 110	764	192 404	873 847	26	385
<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>1999-2000</b>										
December	8 561	9 715	18 276	194	334	20	18 824	91 606	2	24
January	7 893	7 982	15 876	83	252	47	16 257	75 388	5	32
February	7 857	11 730	19 587	268	263	45	20 163	105 441	—	5
March	10 869	12 907	23 776	207	278	26	24 286	120 506	1	26
April	9 906	12 816	22 723	150	362	117	23 352	123 746	—	1
May	12 142	13 828	25 969	170	1 541	57	27 738	129 543	1	17
June	12 499	14 439	26 939	192	499	25	27 656	130 309	1	20
<b>2000-2001</b>										
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	r15 279	16 368	r31 647	206	719	78	r32 649	r168 235	2	37
November	10 088	r11 250	r21 338	146	655	183	r22 323	r113 866	—	13
December	11 097	12 833	r23 930	144	365	45	24 484	r130 901	—	—
January	r7 119	r10 220	r17 339	r116	r169	r55	r17 679	r96 880	3	61
February	11 096	14 495	25 592	225	229	72	26 118	135 262	1	17

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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, February 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	19	12	31	2	4	0	37	125
New Zealand	517	462	979	9	41	2	1 032	4 273
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	585	499	1 084	21	48	2	1 156	4 689
France	295	244	540	—	—	—	540	1 139
Germany, Federal Republic of	748	677	1 425	0	8	0	1 433	5 666
Ireland	185	204	390	—	1	—	391	2 390
Netherlands	99	214	313	0	—	—	313	1 532
Sweden	153	154	307	—	2	—	309	1 396
United Kingdom	5 476	5 914	11 390	141	97	7	11 636	51 205
Total European Union	7 303	7 912	15 215	142	108	9	15 474	67 747
Norway	43	178	222	—	0	—	222	821
Switzerland	151	277	428	0	5	1	435	2 262
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	7 503	8 376	15 880	143	114	10	16 146	70 936
Qatar	12	7	19	—	0	—	20	36
United Arab Emirates	45	30	75	—	3	—	78	276
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	57	48	105	—	4	—	109	364
Malaysia	35	109	143	2	4	5	153	1 142
Singapore	126	358	484	0	1	32	518	1 264
Total Southeast Asia (a)	221	506	727	2	6	37	773	2 895
Hong Kong	47	69	116	—	4	—	120	1 074
Japan	114	294	409	—	15	6	430	2 901
Total Northeast Asia (a)	172	391	563	0	20	6	589	4 240
Canada	316	722	1 038	28	11	0	1 076	7 457
United States of America	2 197	3 860	6 056	30	25	16	6 127	44 028
Total Northern America (a)	2 523	4 591	7 115	57	36	16	7 224	51 599
Total Other Regions (b)	34	84	118	2	1	1	122	540
Total All Countries	11 096	14 495	25 592	225	229	72	26 118	135 262

(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>1997-1998</b>	23 382	115 654	1 266	2 830	9 245	39 562	466	<b>192 404</b>
<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>1999-2000</b>								
December	1 223	11 331	58	488	740	4 940	43	<b>18 824</b>
January	923	10 089	126	383	620	4 079	37	<b>16 257</b>
February	1 135	11 132	116	346	504	6 877	53	<b>20 163</b>
March	1 360	16 109	80	426	586	5 704	21	<b>24 286</b>
April	913	14 308	106	437	878	6 649	61	<b>23 352</b>
May	2 831	18 092	159	375	747	5 458	76	<b>27 738</b>
June	1 571	19 597	79	374	1 020	4 947	68	<b>27 656</b>
<b>2000-2001</b>								
July	1 999	17 919	149	434	523	7 335	52	<b>28 410</b>
August	2 281	20 657	22	387	671	5 135	50	<b>29 203</b>
September	3 078	23 221	96	569	717	6 581	52	<b>34 313</b>
October	1 810	22 199	75	461	r 692	7 344	69	<b>r 32 649</b>
November	r 3 266	11 326	110	517	r 597	6 376	131	<b>r 22 323</b>
December	1 009	13 367	93	634	737	8 532	111	<b>24 484</b>
January	r 920	r 9 947	165	r 305	r 666	r 5 627	50	<b>r 17 679</b>
February	1 156	16 146	109	773	589	7 224	122	<b>26 118</b>

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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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