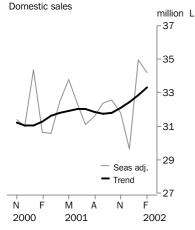
# SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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#### Australian produced wine

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FEBRUARY KEY	FIGU	RES	
TREND ESTIMATES	Feb 2002 '000 L	% change Jan 2002 to Feb 2002	% change Feb 2001 to Feb 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	33 303	1.3	6.4
White table wine sales	17 267	0.7	5.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 171	1.5	10.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Feb 2002 '000 L	% change Jan 2002 to Feb 2002	% change Feb 2001 to Feb 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	34 167	-2.2	11.6
White table wine sales	17 140	-4.5	8.3
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 782	1.3	18.0

## FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

#### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased in February 2002 to 33.3 million litres. This represents a 1.3% increase on January 2002 and a 6.4% increase on February 2001.
- Domestic sales of white table wine increased by 0.7% on January 2002 and 5.7% on February 2001. Domestic sales of red and rosé wine increased by 1.5% on January 2002 and 10.1% on February 2001.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 34.2 million litres in February 2002, down 2.2% on January.
- Domestic sales of white table wine decreased 4.5% in February, while sales of red/rosé table wine increased 1.3%.

#### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 28.5 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during February 2002, up 33.1% on January.
- In February 2002, total wine exports at 28.3 million litres were slightly less than domestic sales.
- The total quantity of wine exported for the twelve months ended February 2002 is 20.3% higher than the corresponding period a year earlier.
- 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.

# NOTES

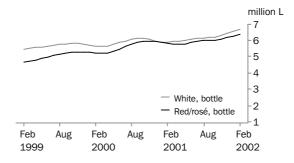
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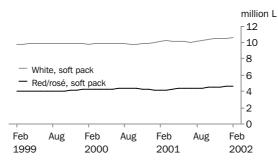
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TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES The trend series for sales of white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres is 2.3% higher than January and 13.3% higher than February 2001. The corresponding trend estimate for red and rosé table wine shows an increase of 1.5% over January 2002 and 9.5% over February 2001.



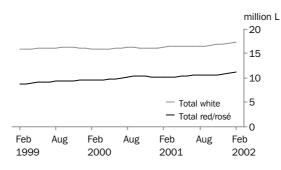
#### TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series for sales of white table wine in soft packs in February is 0.2% higher than the estimate for January and 4.1% higher than February 2001. There were corresponding increases in sales of red/rosé table wine in soft packs over the same periods of 1.4% and 12.2% respectively.



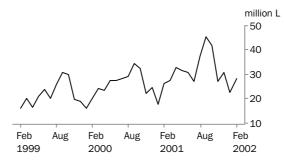
## TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

The trend series for total sales of white table wine in February 2002 was 0.7% higher than January and 5.7% higher than February 2001. Total domestic sales of red/rosé table wine increased by 1.5% on January and is 10.1% higher than February 2001.



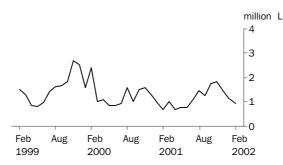
# EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for February 2002 shows exports of 28.3 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$134 million. The quantity and value of exports are up 25.5% and 27.4% respectively on the previous month. Compared to February 2001, wine exports have increased by 7.6% in quantity but decreased by 1.5% in value. The average value of Australian wine exported in February 2002 was \$4.73 per litre compared to \$5.17 per litre in February 2001.



#### WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for February shows that 0.9 million litres of wine was imported, a decrease of 17.2% on January 2002 but up 37.9% on February 2001. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in February 2002 was \$8.30 per litre, up from \$7.08 per litre in February 2001.



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

Original data for the December quarter 2001 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased by 1.2% on the same quarter in 2000. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased by 0.7% and wine imports by 15.3%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 11.1% over the same period in 2000 with exports rising 25.6%.

	A	B	A + B	C	A + C
	Domestic sales	Wine imports	Wine	Exports of	Total disposals
	of Australian	cleared for	available	Australian	of Australian
	produced	home	for	produced	produced
	wine	consumption	consumption	wine	wine
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1998 -1999	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
1999–2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
2000–2001	384 847	12 773	397 620	338 289	723 136
Dec Qtr 2000	111 177	4 391	115 568	79 468	190 645
Dec Qtr 2001	111 941	5 064	117 005	r99 829	r211 770

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

TABLE-WHITE WINE...... TABLE-RED AND ROSÉ WINE.....

		Glass				Glass			
	Total wine	less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs(b)	Other containers(c)	Total	less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs(b)	Other containers(c)	Total
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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1998-1999	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
1999-2000 2000-2001	369 271 384 847	69 371 74 123	118 409 122 452	5 260 3 189	193 042 199 763	63 469 70 506	49 806 53 538	778 1 517	114 053 125 560
2000-2001 February	25 456	5 244	9 407	248	14 899	4 360	3 096	144	7 601
March	31 446	6 102	11 192	183	17 477	5 363	4 450	77	9 890
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
2001-2002									
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 January	35 237	7 307	10 950	240	18 497	5 754	4 196	129	10 078
February	r21 392 28 465	4 624 6 127	r7 476 9 964	92 85	r12 192 16 177	3 263 5 051	2 747 3 930	14 17	6 024 8 998
rebluary	26 405	0 127	9 904	60	10 177	5 051	3 930	17	0 990
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2000-2001				SLASONALLI AI	DJUSILD				
February	30 607	6 023	9 621	n.a.	15 828	5 907	3 835	n.a.	9 989
March	30 539	5 744	9 950	n.a.	15 884	5 250	4 448	n.a.	9 933
April	32 512	6 013	10 196	n.a.	16 778	5 783	4 369	n.a.	10 405
May	33 791	6 170	10 380	n.a.	16 817	5 951	5 552	n.a.	11 692
June	32 341	6 071	9 987	n.a.	16 541	6 152	4 463	n.a.	10 780
2001-2002	21.000	6 107	10.050		16 5 47	E 700	4 469		10 105
July August	31 092 31 568	6 187 6 028	10 259 9 553	n.a. n.a.	16 547 15 747	5 722 5 907	4 468 4 261	n.a. n.a.	10 185 10 285
September	32 406	6 408	10 329	n.a.	16 881	6 282	4 415	n.a.	10 285
October	32 571	6 108	10 897	n.a.	17 216	6 019	4 726	n.a.	10 815
November	31 823	6 554	10 519	n.a.	17 004	6 265	4 405	n.a.	10 553
December	29 610	5 634	10 022	n.a.	15 973	5 675	4 381	n.a.	10 168
January	34 926	6 911	11 253	n.a.	17 945	6 250	5 473	n.a.	11 636
February	34 167	7 036	10 123	n.a.	17 140	6 811	4 838	n.a.	11 782
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2000-2001									
February	31 287	5 922	10 181	n.a.	16 340	5 824	4 178	n.a.	10 142
March	31 605	5 945	10 238	n.a.	16 469	5 787	4 224	n.a.	10 192
April	31 796	5 989	10 208	n.a.	16 519	5 774	4 287	n.a.	10 255
May June	31 923 32 035	6 038 6 104	10 143 10 103	n.a. n.a.	16 516 16 520	5 804 5 883	4 351 4 402	n.a.	10 344 10 448
2001-2002	32 035	0 104	10 103	11.a.	10 520	5 665	4 402	n.a.	10 448
July	32 011	6 153	10 099	n.a.	16 517	5 972	4 425	n.a.	10 523
August	31 874	6 169	10 159	n.a.	16 534	6 018	4 430	n.a.	10 540
September	31 766	6 179	10 271	n.a.	16 606	6 027	4 440	n.a.	10 542
October	31 824	6 217	10 391	n.a.	16 726	6 045	4 470	n.a.	10 584
November	32 069	6 300	10 495	n.a.	16 878	6 099	4 511	n.a.	10 682
December	32 427	6 419	10 554	n.a.	17 017	6 179	4 564	n.a.	10 824
January	32 873	6 559	10 575	n.a.	17 140	6 281	4 622	n.a.	11 001
February	33 303	6 710	10 594	n.a.	17 267	6 375	4 687	n.a.	11 171
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	including	glass 2 litres and	over. Prior to July	y 1998, data was					

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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	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
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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
2000-2001	325 325	22 185	16 706	13 952	3 292	3 011	372	901
2000-2001								
February	22 500	1 260	730	595	208	134	28	80
March	27 367	1 581	1 020	973	265	211	29	81
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
2001-2002								
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	r18 216	1 202	910	604	222	215	23	45
February	25 174	1 237	912	744	209	135	54	45
	25 174	1 237	912	744	209		54	45

(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.

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## DOMESTIC SALES OF AUSTRALIAN FORTIFIED WINE BY WINEMAKERS

	Sherry in glass less than 2 litres	Port in glass less than 2 litres	Other in glass less than 2 litres(a)	Soft packs	All other containers(b)	Total fortified
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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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
2000-2001	2 327	4 674	353	8 160	6 674	22 185
2000-2001						
February	152	203	22	460	423	1 260
March	144	279	20	638	500	1 581
April	194	334	22	693	562	1 804
May	290	514	33	908	682	2 426
June	203	421	32	878	740	2 274
2001-2002						
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

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

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

and over.

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#### IMPORTS CLEARED & EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND BRANDY

	WINE TYPE(a)					TOTAL WINE		BRANDY		
	White table	Red/rosé table(b)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(c)	Quantity	Value
Period	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000	'000L al	\$'000
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				IMF	PORTS(c)(d	)				
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
2000-2001	3 318	4 800	8 118	106	2 913	1 637	12 773	92 211	504	7 575
2000-2001										
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	462	3	139	77	680	4 817	43	546
March	235 129	503 341	738 469	25 8	130 72	134 129	1 026 678	5 887 4 279	14 22	365 373
April May	129	341 289	469 434	8	97	221	760	4 279 5 228	31	535
June	236	266	502	3	171	92	769	6 016	43	615
2001-2002	200	200	002	0	111	02	100	0.010	10	010
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	405	904	13	203	147	1 267	10 368	54	711
October	455	448	903	43	637	176	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	12 121	51	1 012
January	404	321	725	15	191	202	1 133	r7 838	59	920
February	272	299	571	2	225	140	938	7 782	31	669
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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
2000-2001	148 273	180 347	328 620	2 032	6 546	1 091	338 289	1 752 082	19	286
2000-2001										
December	11 098	12 844	23 941	144	365	45	24 496	131 002	_	_
January	7 124	10 224	17 348	116	169	55	17 689	96 917	3	61
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 June	13 341 13 241	17 382 16 969	30 723 30 210	192 132	592 462	64 71	31 571 30 875	165 746 161 017	1	8 11
2001-2002	13 241	10 909	30 210	132	402	11	30 875	101 017	2	11
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	r183 703	_	1
September	21 278	22 436	43 713	227	958	558	45 456	216 114	_	4
October	r17 800	r22 436	r40 236	273	1 075	92	r41 676	r203 657	1	17
November	r12 179	r14 169	r26 348	179	r769	35	r27 331	r133 186	1	9
December	r12 716	r17 364	r30 081	r137	r439	166	r30 822	r167 535	5	r23
January	r9 609	r12 513	r22 123	r137	r300	20	r22 580	r105 217	_	13
February	10 481	16 959	27 440	468	386	48	28 343	134 038	1	5

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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.

(b) Includes 'Other table wine'.

(d) Imports cleared for home consumption, see Explanatory Note 5.

(c) See Explanatory Notes 6 and 7.

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

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## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, February 2002

	WINE TYPE						TOTAL WINE	
	White table	Red/rosé table(c)	Total table	Fortified	Sparkling	Other	Quantity	Value(d)
Country/Region	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	'000L	\$'000
••••••••	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	•••••	• • • • • • • • • •	•••••	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • •	•••••
Fiji	17	7	24	_	3	_	27	161
New Zealand	698	2 011	2 709	279	12	7	3 008	4 090
Vanuatu	3	2	5	_	2	_	6	26
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	725	2 031	2 756	282	19	7	3 063	4 403
Denmark	132	245	377	_	_	_	377	1 233
Germany, Federal Republic of	531	639	1 170	10	—	1	1 182	4 307
Ireland	277	287	564	_	3	_	567	3 351
Netherlands	192	258	450	_	2	_	452	1 524
Sweden	235	205	440	_	_	_	440	2 047
United Kingdom	5 835	6 376	12 211	77	239	_	12 527	52 517
Total European Union	7 369	8 385	15 754	95	257	1	16 107	67 092
Norway	29	49	77	_	5	_	82	324
Switzerland	60	247	307	_	11	_	317	2 361
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	7 462	8 715	16 177	95	273	1	16 546	70 046
Bahrain	4	5	9	_	6	_	15	37
United Arab Emirates	33	37	70	_	4	_	73	358
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	38	46	84	—	11	—	94	442
Malaysia	27	57	84	7	_	_	92	698
Singapore	61	185	246	_	2	8	257	2 106
Total Southeast Asia	144	316	461	8	5	8	481	3 413
Hong Kong	53	118	171	_	2	_	173	1 182
Japan	136	156	292	1	30	—	324	1 885
Total Northeast Asia (a)	220	363	584	2	33	—	619	3 794
Canada	403	1 056	1 459	37	11	_	1 508	10 803
United States of America	1 465	4 391	5 856	45	36	31	5 968	40 808
Total Northern America (a)	1871	5 453	7 324	81	47	31	74 848	51 689
Total Other Regions (b)	21	34	55	_	_	_	55	250
Total All Countries	10 481	16 959	27 440	468	386	48	28 343	134 038

(a) Includes other countries as detailed in *Standard Australian Classification of Countries* (Cat. no. 1269.0).

(b) Includes ships' stores.

(d) Free on board value, see Explanatory Note 6.

(c) Includes 'Other table wine'.



#### EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN WINE BY REGION(a)

	Oceania & Antarctica	Europe & the Former USSR	Middle East & North Africa	Southeast Asia	Northeast Asia	Northern America	Other(b)	Total all regions
Period	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
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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
2000-2001	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	338 289
2000-2001								
December	1 021	13 367	93	634	737	8 532	111	24 496
January	922	9 947	165	309	669	5 627	50	17 689
February	1 159	16 329	109	771	601	7 245	122	26 336
March	1 474	16 889	129	521	692	7 795	108	27 609
April	1 259	23 570	121	580	545	6 659	82	32 816
May	1 927	20 270	84	400	726	8 092	73	31 571
June	1 998	19 384	170	472	935	7 810	106	30 875
2001-2002								
July	2 028	18 054	101	432	639	5 618	111	26 982
August	2 434	25 620	148	517	983	7 402	72	37 177
September	3 782	30 656	79	532	1041	9 300	68	45 456
October	r3 627	27 353	58	r693	859	8 999	85	r41 676
November	r2 684	15 544	105	r724	r866	7 317	91	r27 331
December	1 508	r16 212	235	r464	r642	r11 716	r45	r30 822
January	r3 090	r12 581	95	r396	r594	r5 770	55	r22 580
February	3 063	16 546	94	481	619	7 484	55	28 343
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(a) Exports may include sales made by exporters other than winemakers. (b) Includes ships' stores.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION	<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b> 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.
	<b>3</b> 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.
	<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b> 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.
	<b>6</b> 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.
	<b>7</b> 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.
	<b>8</b> For further information on the compilation of Trade Statistics refer to explanatory notes contained in <i>International Merchandise Trade, Australia</i> (Cat. no. 5422.0).

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES	<b>9</b> 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).
	<b>10</b> 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.
	<ul> <li><b>11</b> 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.</li> </ul>
	<b>12</b> 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.
	<b>13</b> For further information, see <i>A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends', an Overview</i> (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT	<b>14</b> ABS publications draw extensively on information provided freely by individuals, businesses, governments and other organisations. Their continued cooperation is very much appreciated: without it, the wide range of statistics published by the ABS would not be available. Information received by the ABS is treated in strict confidence as required by the <i>Census and Statistics Act 1905</i> .
RELATED PUBLICATIONS	<b>15</b> Another ABS publication which may be of interest is the <i>Australian Wine and Grape Industry</i> (Cat. no. 1329.0). This is a statistical compendium of Australia's wine and grape industries containing information on: area of vines and production of grapes by region; wine production and grapes crushed by region; structure of the wine manufacturing industries; stocks of wine held by winemakers at 30 June; domestic wine sales; exports and imports of wine; price indexes of grapes and wine; consumption of wine and world comparisons.
	<b>16</b> Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the <i>Catalogue of Publications and Products Australia</i> (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a <i>Release Advice</i> (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.
ROUNDING	<b>17</b> Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.
SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES	<ul> <li>nil or rounded to zero</li> <li>L litres</li> <li>L al litres of alcohol</li> <li>n.a. not available</li> <li>n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)</li> </ul>
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