

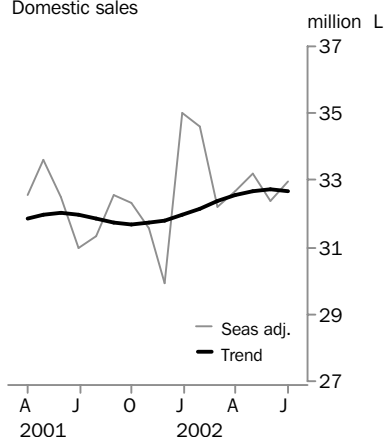


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



JULY KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES	Jul 2002 '000 L	% change Jun 2002 to Jul 2002	% change Jul 2001 to Jul 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 657	-0.2	2.2
White table wine sales	16 728	0.2	1.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 219	-0.3	6.7

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Jul 2002 '000 L	% change Jun 2002 to Jul 2002	% change Jul 2001 to Jul 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	32 940	1.7	6.3
White table wine sales	17 090	4.4	4.2
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 080	-0.9	8.1

JULY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series for domestic sales of Australian produced wine decreased in July to 32.7 million litres., a 0.2% decrease on June 2002 but a 2.2% increase on July 2001.
- The trend estimate for white table wine increased 0.2% on June 2002 and 1.7% on July 2001.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé wine decreased 0.3% on June 2002 but increased 6.7% on July 2001.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine in July was 32.9 million litres, an increase of 1.7% on June 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine increased 4.4% on June 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé table wine decreased 0.9% on June 2002.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 35.0 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during July, up 18.4% on June 2002 and up 7.0% on July 2001.
- Exports of Australian produced wine for July 2002 increased 8.9 million litres over July 2001. Australia exported 428.2 million litres of wine with a value of \$2.1 billion in the twelve months ending July 2002. This represents an increase of 27.1% in volume and 22.4% in value over the corresponding period to July 2001.

- 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

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The annual re-analysis of the seasonal factors has been undertaken and the series have been revised.



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DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend series for sales of white table wine in glass containers less than 2 litres increased by 0.1% on June 2002 and 4.3% on July 2001. The corresponding trend series for red and rosé wine increased 0.5% on June 2002 and by 7.0% on July 2001.

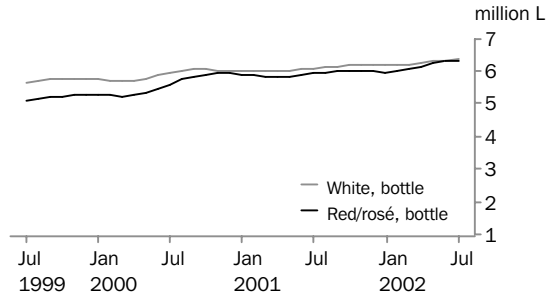
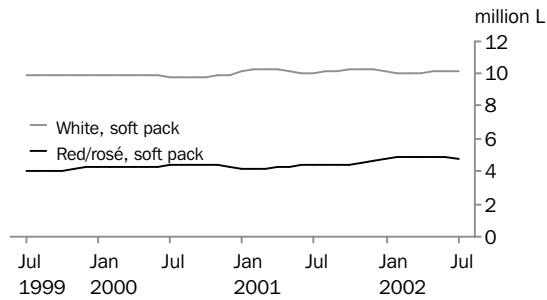


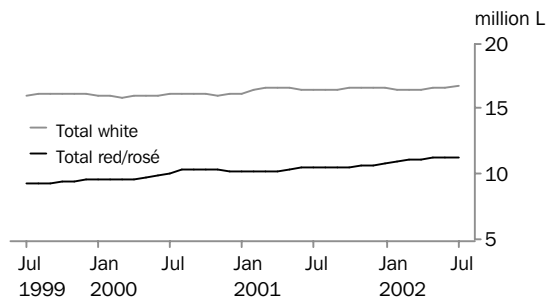
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series to July 2002 for sales of white table wine in soft packs shows an increase of 0.3% on June 2002 and a 1.3% increase on July 2001. The trend series for sales of red and rosé wine in soft packs fell by 1.2% on June 2002 but increased 9.5% on July 2001.



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

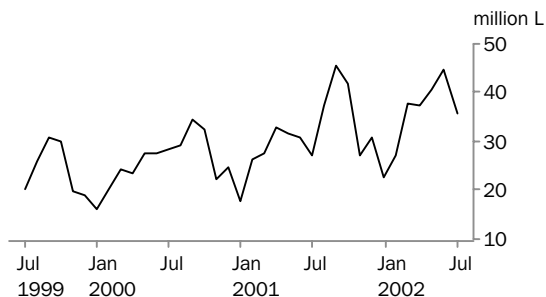
The trend series for total sales of white table wine increased 0.2% over June 2002 and increased 1.7% on July 2001. The trend estimate for total red and rosé wine fell 0.3% on June 2002 but increased by 6.7% on July 2001.



EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

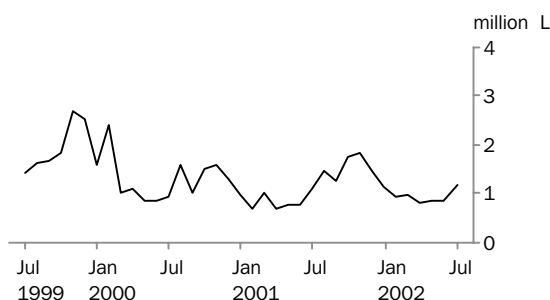
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for July 2002 shows that 35.9 million litres of Australian produced wine were exported with a value of \$173.5 million. The quantity and value decreased on the previous month by 19.8% and 23.0% respectively. Compared to July 2001, wine exports have increased by 33.0% in quantity and 23.1% in value. The average value of Australian wine exported in July 2002 was \$4.84 per litre compared to \$5.23 per litre in July 2001.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for July 2002 shows that 1.2 million litres of wine was imported, 35.3% more than in June 2002 and 7.2% more than in July 2001. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in July 2002 was \$8.16 per litre, up from \$7.82 per litre in July 2001.



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

Original data shows that wine available for consumption in Australia for the June quarter 2002 was slightly less than the same quarter in 2001. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine fell by 0.4%, while wine imports rose by 15.4%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased by 14.2% over the same period in 2001 with exports rising 28.7%. For the 2001-2002 financial year total wine disposals recorded an 11.3% increase on 2000-2001, driven by a 24.0% rise in wine exports.

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
1999-2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
2000-2001	384 847	12 773	397 620	338 289	723 136
2001-2002	385 293	14 479	399 772	r419 318	r804 611
June Qtr 2001	94 886	2 207	97 093	95 262	190 148
June Qtr 2002	94 545	2 547	97 092	r122 602	r217 147

DOMESTIC SALES OF TOTAL AUSTRALIAN WINE & 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									
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
2000-2001	384 847	74 123	122 452	3 189	199 763	70 506	53 538	1 517	125 560
2001-2002	385 293	75 303	122 790	1 431	199 525	73 262	56 123	693	130 077
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	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
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
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2001-2002									
July	30 996	6 133	10 236	n.a.	16 395	5 766	4 482	n.a.	10 251
August	31 328	5 998	9 216	n.a.	15 260	5 854	4 259	n.a.	10 262
September	32 537	6 391	10 433	n.a.	17 032	6 216	4 414	n.a.	10 902
October	32 320	6 056	10 751	n.a.	17 039	5 976	4 731	n.a.	10 794
November	31 555	6 381	10 514	n.a.	16 882	6 162	4 412	n.a.	10 475
December	29 935	5 691	10 015	n.a.	16 108	5 739	4 417	n.a.	10 209
January	35 012	6 963	11 903	n.a.	18 361	6 166	5 542	n.a.	11 590
February	34 590	7 308	10 025	n.a.	17 201	6 911	4 968	n.a.	11 927
March	32 185	6 135	10 096	n.a.	16 384	5 862	4 985	n.a.	10 991
April	32 648	6 274	10 247	n.a.	16 577	6 095	5 136	n.a.	11 202
May	33 187	6 191	10 957	n.a.	17 081	6 436	5 070	n.a.	11 419
June	32 378	6 568	9 209	n.a.	16 362	6 491	4 440	n.a.	11 184
2002-2003									
July	32 940	6 380	10 733	n.a.	17 090	6 177	4 931	n.a.	11 080
TREND ESTIMATES									
2001-2002									
July	31 956	6 098	10 066	n.a.	16 446	5 933	4 415	n.a.	10 516
August	31 841	6 126	10 111	n.a.	16 439	5 981	4 427	n.a.	10 547
September	31 733	6 161	10 192	n.a.	16 504	6 010	4 438	n.a.	10 557
October	31 678	6 189	10 253	n.a.	16 593	6 020	4 467	n.a.	10 572
November	31 716	6 213	10 265	n.a.	16 668	6 015	4 521	n.a.	10 611
December	31 817	6 215	10 240	n.a.	16 680	5 994	4 624	n.a.	10 685
January	31 966	6 204	10 170	n.a.	16 619	5 986	4 750	n.a.	10 798
February	32 153	6 202	10 095	n.a.	16 536	6 009	4 861	n.a.	10 931
March	32 377	6 219	10 068	n.a.	16 510	6 076	4 930	n.a.	11 070
April	32 553	6 252	10 096	n.a.	16 554	6 161	4 955	n.a.	11 174
May	32 650	6 298	10 128	n.a.	16 613	6 242	4 934	n.a.	11 226
June	32 730	6 355	10 163	n.a.	16 688	6 314	4 893	n.a.	11 249
2002-2003									
July	32 657	6 362	10 197	n.a.	16 728	6 348	4 834	n.a.	11 219

(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.

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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
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
2001-2002	329 601	20 360	17 424	12 000	3 123	2 454	332	701
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	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

(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

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
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
2001-2002	2 102	4 045	331	8 354	5 529	20 360
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
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

(a) Includes muscat, madiera, 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 at	'000
IMPORTS (c) (d)										
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
2001-2002	4 658	4 540	9 198	201	3 282	1 798	14 479	r 115 556	577	9 026
2000-2001										
May	145	289	434	8	97	221	760	5 228	31	535
June	236	266	502	3	171	92	769	6 016	43	615
2001-2002										
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	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	r 6 502	36	616
2002-2003										
July	520	404	924	9	163	89	1 184	9 658	54	846
EXPORTS(e)										
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
2001-2002	r 175 971	r 230 168	r 406 139	r 3 700	r 8 040	r 1 438	r 419 318	r 2 105 986	24	197
2000-2001										
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
2001-2002										
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	14 173	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	r 148	301	20	r 22 561	r 105 515	—	13
February	10 469	r 16 019	r 26 488	199	427	48	r 27 163	r 136 782	1	5
March	14 880	r 21 761	r 36 640	211	636	65	r 37 552	r 191 999	1	6
April	13 594	r 22 470	r 36 064	r 407	646	88	r 37 206	r 189 478	10	81
May	r 16 644	r 23 058	r 39 702	r 146	662	153	r 40 663	r 211 462	1	11
June	r 17 949	r 24 799	r 42 748	r 1 331	r 600	r 55	r 44 733	r 225 432	1	10
2002-2003										
July	14 568	20 424	34 991	169	597	122	35 881	173 530	—	—

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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, July 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
Australian Fishing Zone	11	—	11	—	—	—	11	50
Fiji	17	16	33	1	4	—	38	184
New Zealand	367	1 402	1 769	16	73	4	1 862	9 140
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	415	1 439	1 854	20	81	4	1 958	9 601
Denmark	188	468	656	—	9	—	666	2 683
Germany, Federal Republic of	182	265	447	6	—	—	454	1 580
Ireland	329	408	737	—	18	—	754	4 403
Netherlands	279	220	500	—	—	—	500	2 371
Sweden	307	158	465	1	16	—	482	2 091
United Kingdom	8 515	9 596	18 111	52	323	—	18 487	75 852
Total European Union	10 114	11 538	21 652	81	376	—	22 109	92 158
Norway	88	140	228	—	5	—	232	947
Switzerland	45	211	256	—	8	—	264	1 272
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	10 253	11 902	22 155	81	388	—	22 624	94 461
Israel	1	35	35	—	—	—	35	309
Qatar	21	21	42	1	—	—	43	75
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	37	69	106	1	—	—	108	471
Malaysia	24	110	135	4	1	—	140	854
Singapore	133	203	336	—	3	2	341	2 173
Total Southeast Asia (a)	250	384	634	19	12	74	739	3 980
Hong Kong	45	82	126	—	3	—	129	911
Japan	138	277	414	—	30	8	452	2 448
Total Northeast Asia (a)	218	410	628	—	33	12	673	4 001
Canada	741	1 564	2 305	31	20	26	2 383	16 318
United States of America	2 625	4 613	7 238	17	58	6	7 319	44 247
Total Northern America (a)	3 370	6 183	9 554	48	79	31	9 712	60 627
Total Other Regions (b)	24	37	61	—	4	1	66	389
Total All Countries	14 568	20 424	34 991	169	597	122	35 881	173 530

(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
2000-2001	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	338 289
2001-2002	r27 274	r 261 420	1 492	r6 684	r9 842	r 111 687	917	r 419 318
2000-2001								
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	1 041	9 300	68	45 456
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	r12 585	95	399	585	5 732	55	r22 561
February	1 389	16 787	94	484	645	r7 707	56	r27 163
March	1 539	r22 443	135	630	920	r11 799	87	r37 552
April	1 430	r21 933	177	598	624	r12 346	97	r37 206
May	1 912	r25 139	138	726	1 081	r11 598	68	r40 663
June	r1 829	r29 095	128	r 485	r 965	r12 149	83	r44 733
2002-2003								
July	1 958	22 624	108	739	673	9 712	66	35 881

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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 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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