

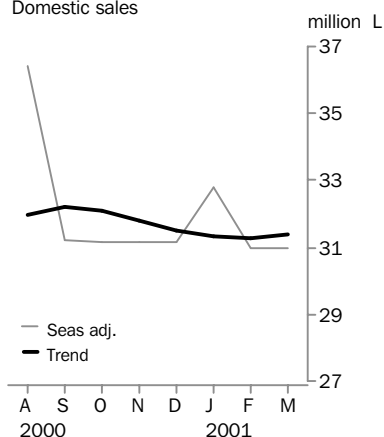


SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



MARCH KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

	Mar 2001 '000 L	% change Feb 2001 to Mar 2001	% change Mar 2000 to Mar 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	31 413	0.5	5.8
White table wine sales	16 431	0.2	4.1
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 532	0.0	10.7

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Mar 2001 '000 L	% change Feb 2001 to Mar 2001	% change Mar 2000 to Mar 2001
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	30 955	-0.1	-0.4
White table wine sales	15 868	2.8	-2.9
Red and rosé table wine sales	10 078	-7.1	1.7

MARCH KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend series estimate for total domestic wine sales of Australian produced wine increased in March 2001 to 31.4 million litres. The March estimate was 0.5% higher than in February and 5.8% higher than in March 2000.
- The trend estimate for white table wine increased by 0.2% over February and by 4.1% on March 2000.
- The trend estimate for red and rosé wine remained unchanged from February 2001 but increased by 10.7% on March 2000.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total sales of Australian produced wine was 31.0 million litres, down by 0.1% on February 2001.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for white table wine rose 2.8% on February 2001, while the estimate for red/rosé wine decreased by 7.1%.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 31.5 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during March, up 24.4% on February but down by 1.9% on March 2000.
- Exports of Australian produced wine increased by 3.5% over February 2001 to 27.3 million litres. The value of exports rose by 11.1% to \$151 million.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Daryl Evans on Adelaide 08 8237 7656 or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

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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 8.8% higher than in March 2000 and 18.3% higher than in March 1998. The trend estimate for red and rosé in glass containers less than 2 litres while continuing to show a decline was up 11.0% on March 2000 and 45.3% on March 1998.

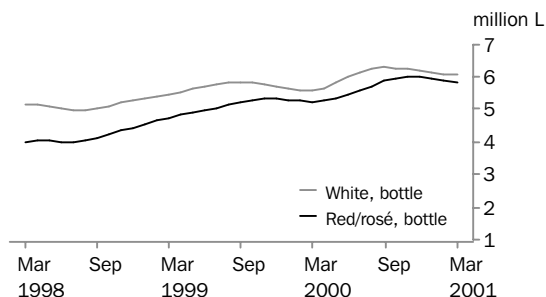
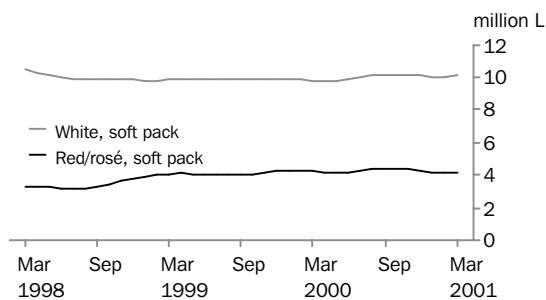


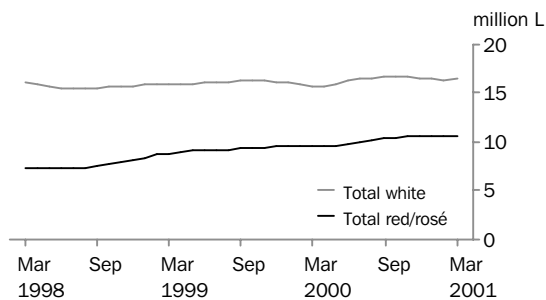
TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend estimate in March for white table wine in soft packs was 3.1% higher than in March 2000, but was 3.9% lower than in March 1998. The March estimate for red/rosé in soft pack was 2.0% lower than in March 2000 but up 24.3% on March 1998.



TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

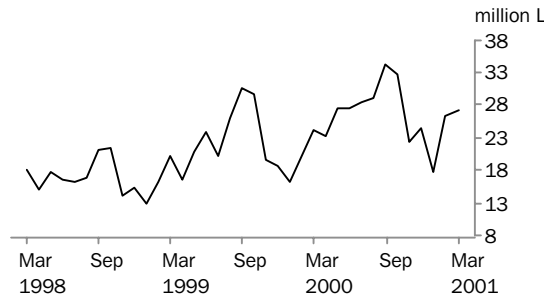
The trend estimate for the domestic sales of total white table wine was 4.1% higher than in March 2000 and up 1.6% on March 1998. The trend estimate for total red/rosé increased 10.7% since March 2000 and by 42.3% since March 1998.



EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

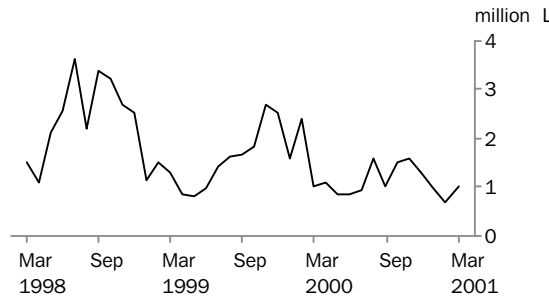
EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for March 2001 shows exports of 27.3 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$151 million. The volume and value of exports are higher than the previous month by 3.5% and 11.1% respectively. In comparison with March 2000, wine exports have increased in quantity and value by 12.2% and 25.4% respectively. The average value of Australian wine exported in March 2001 was \$5.54 per litre compared to \$4.96 per litre in March 2000.



WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for March shows that 1.0 million litres of wine was imported, up 51.2% on February 2001 and up by 0.2% on March 2000. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in March was \$5.74 per litre, down from \$5.98 per litre in March 2000.



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

Original data for the March quarter 2001 shows that wine available for consumption in Australia increased 0.5% on the same quarter in 2000. Domestic sales of Australian produced wine increased 3.7% while wine imports decreased 46.8%. Total disposals of Australian produced wine increased 9.8% over the same period in 2000 with exports rising by 17.4%.

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
1997-1998	338 814	25 622	364 436	192 404	531 218
1998-1999	348 349	24 255	372 604	216 149	564 498
1999-2000	369 271	19 607	388 878	284 935	654 206
Mar Qtr 2000	74 932	5 031	79 963	60 706	135 638
Mar Qtr 2001	77 718	2 678	80 396	71 276	148 994

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									
1997-1998	338 814	59 352	125 269	4 888	189 512	46 746	41 295	868	88 909
1998-1999	348 349	63 354	117 954	7 000	188 310	53 713	44 564	811	99 088
1999-2000	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
1999-2000									
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
2000-2001									
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	25 371	5 244	8 662	241	14 147	4 360	3 096	813	8 269
March	31 550	6 102	11 192	292	17 586	5 363	4 450	71	9 884
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1999-2000									
March	31 075	5 895	10 318	n.a.	16 349	5 307	4 465	n.a.	9 914
April	29 237	5 504	9 384	n.a.	15 543	4 845	4 024	n.a.	9 266
May	31 006	5 865	10 093	n.a.	16 516	5 530	4 295	n.a.	9 723
June	28 717	5 644	8 308	n.a.	13 792	5 442	3 709	n.a.	9 282
2000-2001									
July	31 056	6 015	10 754	n.a.	17 069	5 363	4 345	n.a.	9 872
August	36 428	6 985	11 667	n.a.	19 130	6 075	4 594	n.a.	10 776
September	31 193	6 297	9 347	n.a.	15 905	5 977	4 384	n.a.	10 376
October	31 136	5 982	9 913	n.a.	16 114	5 731	4 535	n.a.	10 360
November	31 133	6 126	9 892	n.a.	16 158	5 890	4 410	n.a.	10 295
December	31 173	6 030	9 822	n.a.	16 041	6 209	4 150	n.a.	10 525
January	32 789	6 670	11 696	n.a.	18 766	6 065	4 121	n.a.	10 767
February	30 997	6 061	9 171	n.a.	15 443	6 084	4 004	n.a.	10 852
March	30 955	5 825	9 890	n.a.	15 868	5 367	4 403	n.a.	10 078
TREND ESTIMATES									
1999-2000									
March	29 686	5 596	9 817	n.a.	15 782	5 242	4 241	n.a.	9 513
April	29 941	5 674	9 803	n.a.	15 814	5 266	4 188	n.a.	9 541
May	30 494	5 825	9 843	n.a.	15 982	5 345	4 164	n.a.	9 635
June	31 128	6 000	9 931	n.a.	16 233	5 460	4 190	n.a.	9 782
2000-2001									
July	31 650	6 140	10 017	n.a.	16 444	5 597	4 265	n.a.	9 965
August	31 997	6 235	10 110	n.a.	16 612	5 742	4 356	n.a.	10 157
September	32 177	6 296	10 191	n.a.	16 736	5 875	4 418	n.a.	10 343
October	32 064	6 293	10 204	n.a.	16 744	5 962	4 413	n.a.	10 467
November	31 776	6 246	10 163	n.a.	16 658	6 001	4 348	n.a.	10 523
December	31 496	6 191	10 114	n.a.	16 539	5 998	4 263	n.a.	10 539
January	31 355	6 149	10 099	n.a.	16 473	5 959	4 200	n.a.	10 546
February	31 242	6 101	10 072	n.a.	16 393	5 889	4 164	n.a.	10 534
March	31 413	6 090	10 117	n.a.	16 431	5 821	4 157	n.a.	10 532

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

(a) Prior to July 1998, data was collected for glass containers 1 litre and under. See Explanatory Note 3.

(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 al
1997-1998	278 422	24 574	22 310	8 759	1 641	2 145	963	974
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
1999-2000								
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
2000-2001								
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	22 416	1 260	730	595	208	134	28	80
March	27 470	1 581	1 020	973	265	211	29	81

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(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
1997-1998	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	24 574
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
1999-2000						
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
2000-2001						
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
March	144	279	20	638	500	1 581

(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)										
1997-1998	n.a.	n.a.	21 447	135	2 996	1 044	25 622	92 926	661	7 861
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
1999-2000										
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
2000-2001										
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	r 424	195	r 1 578	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	6 445	60	r 895
February	r 180	r 282	r 461	r 3	r 139	r 77	r 680	r 4 807	r 43	r 546
March	235	505	740	25	130	134	1 028	5 899	14	366
EXPORTS(e)										
1997-1998	98 045	84 979	183 024	2 505	6 110	764	192 404	873 847	26	385
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
1999-2000										
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
2000-2001										
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	15 279	16 368	31 647	206	719	78	32 649	168 235	2	37
November	10 088	11 250	21 338	146	655	183	22 323	113 866	—	13
December	r 11 098	r 12 844	r 23 941	144	365	45	r 24 496	r 131 002	—	—
January	r 7 122	10 220	r 17 342	116	169	55	r 17 683	r 96 879	3	61
February	r 11 195	r 14 611	r 25 806	225	229	r 74	r 26 334	r 136 059	1	17
March	10 133	16 576	26 709	173	327	50	27 259	151 095	1	29

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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, March 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	11	16	27	0	1	1	30	199
New Zealand	330	878	1 208	32	66	8	1 313	5 748
Papua New Guinea	25	19	44	5	4	—	53	247
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	391	937	1 328	38	76	9	1 450	6 437
Denmark	174	343	518	—	2	—	520	1 763
France	172	182	355	—	2	—	357	1 100
Germany, Federal Republic of	155	877	1 032	0	4	0	1 036	4 854
Ireland	192	257	449	—	—	0	449	3 038
Netherlands	228	267	495	—	—	—	495	2 176
United Kingdom	5 292	6 665	11 956	51	128	0	12 136	58 808
Total European Union	6 503	8 920	15 422	62	159	1	15 644	74 549
Norway	38	132	169	—	7	—	176	667
Switzerland	57	618	675	0	24	9	708	3 528
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	6 628	9 720	16 347	65	191	11	16 615	79 028
Qatar	21	13	34	—	1	—	35	61
United Arab Emirates	34	32	67	—	3	—	69	143
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	73	51	124	—	5	—	129	343
Malaysia	27	110	137	—	—	1	138	942
Singapore	84	135	219	2	2	3	225	1 985
Total Southeast Asia (a)	172	316	488	2	2	5	497	3 537
Hong Kong	86	140	225	0	9	0	234	1 868
Japan	113	250	363	0	11	1	376	2 473
Total Northeast Asia (a)	218	444	662	0	22	2	686	5 081
Canada	299	665	964	43	8	0	1 015	6 623
United States of America	2 303	4 388	6 691	24	20	23	6 759	49 634
Total Northern America (a)	2 602	5 054	7 656	66	28	23	7 774	56 263
Total Other Regions (b)	49	55	104	2	3	—	108	404
Total All Countries	10 133	16 576	26 709	173	327	50	27 259	151 095

(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>Period</i>	<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>
'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L	'000 L
1997-1998	23 382	115 654	1 266	2 830	9 245	39 562	466	192 404
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
1999-2000								
January	923	10 089	126	383	620	4 079	37	16 257
February	1 135	11 132	116	346	504	6 877	53	20 163
March	1 360	16 109	80	426	586	5 704	21	24 286
April	913	14 308	106	437	878	6 649	61	23 352
May	2 831	18 092	159	375	747	5 458	76	27 738
June	1 571	19 597	79	374	1 020	4 947	68	27 656
2000-2001								
July	1 999	17 919	149	434	523	7 335	52	28 410
August	2 281	20 657	22	387	671	5 135	50	29 203
September	3 078	23 221	96	569	717	6 581	52	34 313
October	1 810	22 199	75	461	692	7 344	69	32 649
November	3 266	11 326	110	517	597	6 376	131	22 323
December	r1 021	13 367	93	634	737	8 532	111	r24 496
January	920	9 947	165	r 309	666	5 627	50	r17 683
February	r1 155	r16 329	109	773	r 601	r7 245	122	r26 334
March	1 450	16 615	129	497	686	7 774	108	27 259

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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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