

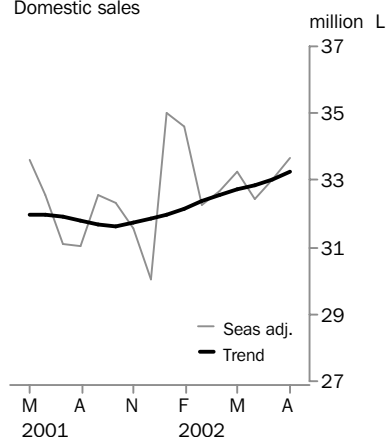


## SALES OF AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY BY WINEMAKERS

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### Australian produced wine

Domestic sales



### AUGUST KEY FIGURES

#### TREND ESTIMATES

	Aug 2002 '000 L	% change Jul 2002 to Aug 2002	% change Aug 2001 to Aug 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	33 248	0.7	4.6
White table wine sales	16 458	-0.2	0.2
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 460	0.6	8.8

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Aug 2002 '000 L	% change Jul 2002 to Aug 2002	% change Aug 2001 to Aug 2002
Australian produced wine			
Domestic wine sales	33 666	1.9	8.5
White table wine sales	15 967	-6.2	4.7
Red and rosé table wine sales	11 723	5.2	15.7

### AUGUST KEY POINTS

#### TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for domestic sales of Australian produced wine was 33.2 million litres in August, an increase of 0.7% on July 2002 and a 4.6% increase on August 2001.
- The trend estimate for white table wine decreased 0.2% on July 2002 but increased 0.2% on August 2001.
- The trend estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé wine increased 0.6% on July 2002 and 8.8% on August 2001.

#### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for total domestic sales of Australian produced wine in August was 33.7 million litres, an increase of 1.9% on July 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of white table wine decreased 6.2% on July 2002.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate for domestic sales of red and rosé table wine increased 5.2% on July 2002.

#### ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, 34.6 million litres of Australian produced wine was sold domestically during August, down 1.2% on July 2002 but up 7.5% on August 2001.
- Exports of Australian produced wine for August 2002 increased 4.3 million litres over August 2001. Australia exported 432.0 million litres of wine with a value of \$2.1 billion in the twelve months ending August 2002. This represents an increase of 25.3% in volume and 19.9% in value over the corresponding period to August 2001.

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# NOTES

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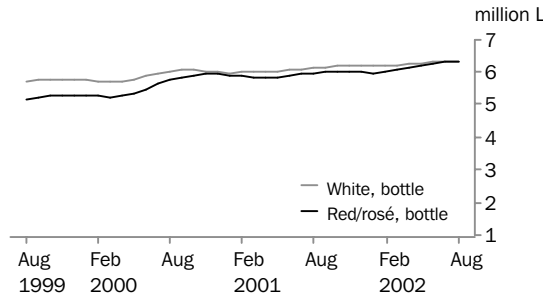


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# DOMESTIC AUSTRALIAN TABLE WINE SALES: Trend

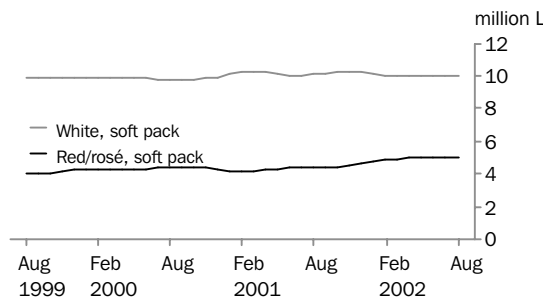
## TABLE WINE, GLASS CONTAINER < 2 LITRES

The trend series for sales of white wine in glass containers less than 2 litres increased by 0.8% on July 2002 and 3.5% on August 2001. The corresponding trend series for red and rosé wine increased 0.5% on July 2002 and by 6.0% on August 2001. This latter series has increased for seven consecutive months.



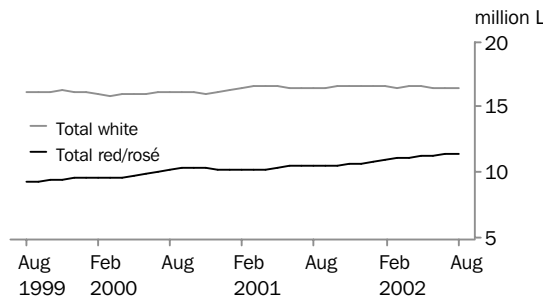
## TABLE WINE, SOFT PACK CONTAINERS

The trend series to August 2002 for sales of white table wine in soft packs shows a decrease of 0.3% on July 2002 and a decrease of 0.9% on August 2001. The trend series for sales of red and rosé wine in soft packs increased by 0.7% on July 2002 and 14.0% on August 2001. This latter series has increased for eighteen consecutive months.



## TOTAL WHITE AND RED/ROSÉ TABLE WINE

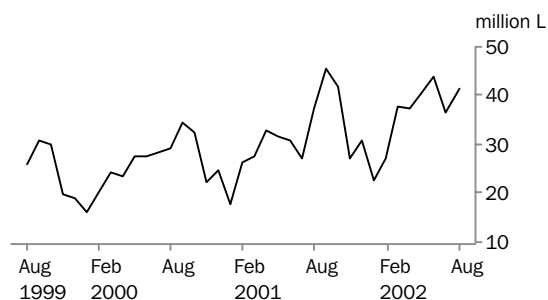
The trend series for total sales of white table wine fell 0.2% over July 2002, but increased 0.2% on August 2001. The trend estimate for total red and rosé wine sales rose 0.6% over July 2002 and 8.8% on August 2001. This latter series has increased for nineteen consecutive months.



# EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE AND IMPORTS

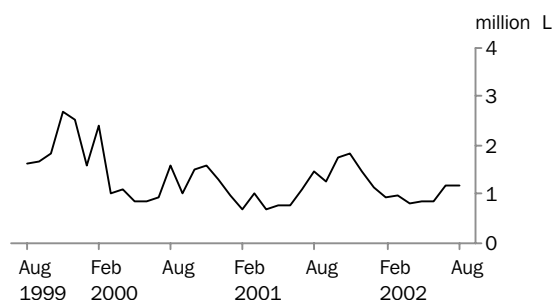
## EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN PRODUCED WINE

Original data for August 2002 shows exports of 41.5 million litres of Australian produced wine valued at \$190.8 million. The quantity and value of exports are up 14.1 % and 8.6% respectively on the previous month. Compared to August 2001, wine exports have increased 11.6% in quantity and 3.8% in value. The average value of Australian wine exported in August 2002 was \$4.60 per litre compared to \$4.94 per litre in August 2001.



## WINE IMPORTS CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Original data for August 2002 shows 1.2 million litres of wine was imported, 1.5% more than in July 2002 but 17.5% less than in August 2001. The average value of wine cleared for home consumption in August 2002 was \$8.81 per litre, up from \$7.13 per litre in August 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 13.7% over the same period in 2001 with exports rising 27.6%. For the 2001-2002 financial year total wine disposals recorded an 11.1% increase on 2000-2001, driven by a 23.7% 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
<b>1999-2000</b>	369 271	19 606	388 877	284 935	654 206
<b>2000-2001</b>	384 847	12 774	397 621	338 289	723 136
<b>2001-2002</b>	385 293	14 479	399 772	r418 371	r803 664
June Qtr 2001	94 886	2 207	97 093	95 262	190 148
June Qtr 2002	94 545	2 547	97 092	r121 599	r216 144

## 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>1999-2000</b>	369 271	69 371	118 409	5 260	193 042	63 469	49 806	778	114 053
<b>2000-2001</b>	384 847	74 123	122 452	3 189	199 763	70 506	53 538	1 517	125 560
<b>2001-2002</b>	385 293	75 303	122 790	1 431	199 525	73 262	56 123	693	130 077
<b>2001-2002</b>									
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
<b>2002-2003</b>									
July	35 040	6 205	10 625	52	16 881	7 198	6 161	16	13 375
August	34 629	6 228	9 841	114	16 184	7 166	6 374	19	13 558
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
<b>2001-2002</b>									
August	31 029	6 042	9 303	n.a.	15 253	5 877	4 211	n.a.	10 135
September	32 532	6 379	10 437	n.a.	17 039	6 203	4 414	n.a.	10 899
October	32 329	6 046	10 726	n.a.	17 003	5 974	4 747	n.a.	10 800
November	31 533	6 409	10 543	n.a.	16 940	6 192	4 398	n.a.	10 479
December	30 014	5 660	10 010	n.a.	16 077	5 702	4 413	n.a.	10 206
January	35 028	6 984	11 912	n.a.	18 423	6 178	5 531	n.a.	11 573
February	34 596	7 302	10 025	n.a.	17 198	6 912	4 977	n.a.	11 931
March	32 240	6 132	10 096	n.a.	16 401	5 860	4 991	n.a.	11 004
April	32 645	6 290	10 235	n.a.	16 597	6 074	5 154	n.a.	11 220
May	33 266	6 189	10 941	n.a.	17 070	6 453	5 086	n.a.	11 465
June	32 425	6 544	9 189	n.a.	16 304	6 452	4 445	n.a.	11 215
<b>2002-2003</b>									
July	33 050	6 344	10 658	n.a.	17 022	6 173	4 978	n.a.	11 139
August	33 666	6 139	9 844	n.a.	15 967	6 272	5 402	n.a.	11 723
TREND ESTIMATES									
<b>2001-2002</b>									
August	31 794	6 131	10 120	n.a.	16 433	5 987	4 422	n.a.	10 534
September	31 686	6 165	10 204	n.a.	16 502	6 015	4 431	n.a.	10 539
October	31 646	6 192	10 266	n.a.	16 596	6 023	4 459	n.a.	10 555
November	31 709	6 214	10 274	n.a.	16 676	6 015	4 515	n.a.	10 599
December	31 833	6 216	10 246	n.a.	16 695	5 993	4 620	n.a.	10 679
January	31 996	6 206	10 172	n.a.	16 639	5 984	4 750	n.a.	10 799
February	32 170	6 209	10 102	n.a.	16 571	6 006	4 856	n.a.	10 930
March	32 381	6 228	10 069	n.a.	16 541	6 071	4 924	n.a.	11 069
April	32 581	6 254	10 087	n.a.	16 562	6 155	4 960	n.a.	11 191
May	32 724	6 280	10 095	n.a.	16 564	6 231	4 968	n.a.	11 270
June	32 868	6 299	10 079	n.a.	16 537	6 287	4 978	n.a.	11 335
<b>2002-2003</b>									
July	33 011	6 298	10 055	n.a.	16 484	6 318	5 006	n.a.	11 393
August	33 248	6 346	10 026	n.a.	16 458	6 348	5 041	n.a.	11 460

(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
<b>1999-2000</b>	307 091	22 991	18 220	14 352	3 514	2 352	754	837
<b>2000-2001</b>	325 325	22 185	16 706	13 952	3 292	3 011	372	901
<b>2001-2002</b>	329 601	20 360	17 424	12 000	3 123	2 454	332	701
<b>2001-2002</b>								
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
<b>2002-2003</b>								
July	30 256	2 310	1 278	649	270	253	23	58
August	29 742	1 890	1 794	772	202	206	22	72

(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
<b>1999-2000</b>	2 549	5 008	341	7 796	7 293	22 991
<b>2000-2001</b>	2 327	4 674	353	8 160	6 674	22 185
<b>2001-2002</b>	2 102	4 045	331	8 354	5 529	20 360
<b>2001-2002</b>						
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
<b>2002-2003</b>						
July	218	436	39	1 006	611	2 310
August	195	374	36	792	493	1 890

(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	\$'000
IMPORTS(c) (d)										
<b>1999-2000</b>	3 795	10 304	14 099	685	3 827	995	19 607	113 868	577	7 328
<b>2000-2001</b>	3 318	4 800	8 118	106	2 913	1 637	12 773	92 211	504	7 575
<b>2001-2002</b>	4 658	4 540	9 198	201	3 282	1 798	14 479	115 556	577	9 026
<b>2000-2001</b>										
June	236	266	502	3	171	92	769	6 016	43	615
<b>2001-2002</b>										
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	6 502	36	616
<b>2002-2003</b>										
July	520	404	924	9	163	89	1 184	9 658	54	846
August	463	282	745	16	276	165	1 202	10 588	53	838
EXPORTS(e)										
<b>1999-2000</b>	129 586	143 256	272 842	2 287	9 088	717	284 935	1 372 768	19	243
<b>2000-2001</b>	148 273	180 347	328 620	2 032	6 546	1 091	338 289	1 752 082	19	286
<b>2001-2002</b>	r175 736	r230 461	r406 198	r2 695	8 040	1 438	r418 371	r2 105 247	r25	r 208
<b>2000-2001</b>										
June	13 241	16 969	30 210	132	462	71	30 875	161 017	2	11
<b>2001-2002</b>										
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	148	301	20	22 561	105 515	—	13
February	r10 219	r16 271	r26 490	r252	427	48	r27 217	r136 989	1	5
March	r14 871	r21 772	r36 643	211	636	65	r37 554	r191 987	1	6
April	r13 592	r22 469	r36 061	407	646	88	r37 203	r189 095	10	81
May	r16 661	r23 075	r39 736	r147	662	153	r40 698	r210 999	1	11
June	r17 957	r24 814	r42 771	r272	600	55	r43 698	r225 345	r2	r21
<b>2002-2003</b>										
July	r14 774	r20 670	r35 444	169	597	r137	r36 347	r175 627	—	—
August	18 491	21 876	40 368	309	751	47	41 474	190 771	—	—

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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, August 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	25	23	48	1	—	—	48	186
Fiji	14	15	30	—	5	—	35	254
New Zealand	1 593	1 847	3 440	48	167	11	3 664	10 426
Total Oceania and Antarctica (a)	1 662	1 914	3 575	51	180	11	3 817	11 149
Denmark	189	937	1 126	—	12	—	1 138	4 042
France	289	347	635	—	9	—	644	2 172
Germany, Federal Republic of	518	1 337	1 855	—	2	—	1 857	6 153
Ireland	274	409	684	—	4	—	687	4 029
Netherlands	372	578	950	—	6	—	956	4 305
United Kingdom	10 716	8 700	19 415	184	360	—	19 959	83 860
Total European Union	12 770	12 929	25 699	186	406	—	26 291	109 166
Norway	25	184	209	—	15	—	223	835
Switzerland	52	369	421	1	12	—	434	3 781
Total Europe and the Former USSR (a)	12 883	13 515	26 398	187	434	—	27 019	114 116
United Arab Emirates	65	38	103	—	8	—	111	399
Total Middle East and North Africa (a)	65	38	103	—	8	—	111	399
Malaysia	25	71	96	—	1	7	104	871
Singapore	61	77	137	1	1	—	139	1 177
Total Southeast Asia (a)	184	214	398	1	34	7	440	2 896
Hong Kong	51	103	153	—	7	—	161	1 114
Japan	142	203	345	—	29	—	374	2 086
Total Northeast Asia (a)	228	349	577	—	37	2	616	3 641
Canada	615	1 105	1 721	46	21	—	1 788	11 355
United States of America	2 821	4 703	7 524	23	36	27	7 611	46 857
Total Northern America (a)	3 436	5 809	9 246	69	58	27	9 400	58 217
Total Other Regions (b)	33	38	71	—	1	—	72	352
Total All Countries	18 491	21 876	40 368	309	751	47	41 474	190 771

(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>1999-2000</b>	22 219	186 398	1 112	4 839	8 208	61 519	639	284 935
<b>2000-2001</b>	22 194	215 079	1 323	6 054	8 104	84 530	1 006	338 289
<b>2001-2002</b>	r27 273	r260 425	1 492	r6 685	r9 843	r111 735	917	r418 371
<b>2000-2001</b>								
June	1 998	19 384	170	472	935	7 810	106	30 875
<b>2001-2002</b>								
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	12 585	95	399	585	5 732	55	22 561
February	1 389	r16 840	94	484	645	r7 708	56	r27 217
March	1 539	r22 442	135	630	920	r11 802	87	r37 554
April	1 430	21 933	177	598	624	r12 344	97	r37 203
May	1 912	25 139	138	726	1 081	r11 633	68	r40 698
June	1 829	r28 048	128	485	965	r12 160	83	r43 698
<b>2002-2003</b>								
July	r1 967	r22 776	108	r740	r676	r10 014	66	r36 347
August	3 817	27 019	111	440	616	9 400	72	41 474

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(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).

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### 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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