

Australian Wine Sector At A Glance, 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Wineries (number)	1 798	1 899	2 008	2 146	2 299
Area under vine ('000hectares) ¹	164	167	169	174	173
Winegrape crush ('000 tonnes)	1 917	1 925	1 902	1 397	1 832
Wine production (mill litres) ²	1 401	1 420	1 410	955	1 237
Wine consumption(mill litres) ³	436	452	457	482	480
Wine exports (mill litres [A\$m])	643[2 744]	702[2 795]	757[2 822]	785[3 004]	698[2 464]
Wine imports (mill litres [A\$m])	22[181]	26[220]	30[277]	44[389]	65[511]

1. Vines yielding grapes for all purposes Includes bearing and non-bearing vines

2. Beverage Wine. 3. Australian wine sales plus import clearances

From winemakers crushing >400 tonnes annually or with sales >250,000 litres

Vine bearing areas		Winegrape crush		Wine production			
(hectares)		(tonnes)		(millions litres)			
		Red	White	Beverage ⁴	Distillation ⁵		
2001	130 602	2001	802 909	621 040	2000-01	1 035	42
2002	143 373	2002	909 584	696 262	2001-02	1 174	46
2003	142 795	2003	825 000	573 528	2002-03	1 038	48
2004	150 561	2004	1 140 727	776 511	2003-04	1 401	70
2005	153 205	2005	1 076 474	849 016	2004-05	1 420	13
2006	158 167	2006	1 055 646	845 914	2005-06	1 410	19
2007	163 951	2007	679 838	717 512	2006-07	955	7
2008	166 197	2008	958 693	872 830	2007-08	1 237	8

4. Includes unfortified wine and fortified wine produced from unfortified wine of the same vintage

5. For manufacturing brandy and grape spirit. Includes wine obtained from marc.

Top five export markets ⁶			Domestic sales	
	(millions litres)	(\$A mill FOB)	(millions litres)	
United Kingdom	261	806	2004	425
United States	193	674	2005	433
Canada	43	224	2006	435
New Zealand	20	81	2007	431
China	15	74	2008	426

6. Ranked by value

Top five winegrape producing Zones ⁷ 2008			Top five varieties crushed ⁸ 2008	
Big Rivers	NSW	422 325	Shiraz	441 950
Lower Murray	SA	383 437	Chardonnay	428 082
North West Vic	Vic	286 547	Cabernet Sauvignon	258 066
Fleurieu	SA	133 372	Merlot	125 285
Limestone Coast	SA	131 643	Semillon	100 031

7. Fresh weight wine making grapes

8. Specialist winegrape varieties only

NOTES & DEFINITIONS

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