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SA Winegrape Crush Survey 2022

Regional Summary Report

Mount Benson Wine Region

Wine Australia July 2022

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Winegrape intake summary table

Varieties	Tonnes purchased	Total value purchased	Average purchase value per tonne	Change in price year on year	Winery grown fruit (tonnes)	Winery grown share of crush	Total crushed (tonnes)	Estimated total value all grapes
Red								
Cabernet Franc					6	100%	6	\$8,878
Cabernet Sauvignon	401	\$481,941	\$1,203	-14%	295	42%	695	\$836,164
Merlot	177	\$150,718	\$853	-10%	328	65%	504	\$430,291
Shiraz	809	\$896,130	\$1,108	-12%	532	40%	1,341	\$1,486,255
Red Total	1,386	\$1,528,789	\$1,103	-13%	1,160	46%	2,546	\$2,761,587
White								
Chardonnay	95				316	77%	411	\$370,341
Pinot Gris/Grigio	24				42	64%	65	\$72,047
Sauvignon Blanc	362	\$394,745	\$1,089	-2%	420	54%	783	\$852,616
Semillon	9						9	\$6,898
White Total	490	\$513,192	\$1,048	-5%	779	61%	1,268	\$1,301,901
Grand Total	1,876	\$2,041,981	\$1,089	-11%	1,939	51%	3,815	\$4,063,488

Note: Where there are fewer than three purchasers of a variety, the average price and total value are not reported to protect confidentiality.

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Price dispersion – purchased grapes

Tonnes purchased in each segment						
Varieties	<\$600	\$600-<\$900	\$900-<\$1500	\$1500-<\$2000	Total purchased	
Red						
Cabernet Sauvignon		139	205	57	401	
Merlot	19	80	78		177	
Shiraz	30	346	289	143	809	
Red Total	48	565	572	200	1,386	
White						
Chardonnay			95		95	
Pinot Gris/Grigio			24		24	
Sauvignon Blanc		175	86	102	362	
Semillon		9			9	
White Total		184	205	102	490	
Total purchased	48	748	777	302	1,876	

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Current plantings by variety and year planted

						% planted in
Variety	Pre-2019	2019	2020	2021	Total area (Ha)	2021
Red winegrapes						
Cabernet Sauvignon	114	0	0	0	114	0%
Merlot	52	0	0	0	52	0%
Pinot Noir	2	0	0	0	2	0%
Shiraz	176	0	11	0	187	0%
Other Red	4	0	0	0	4	0%
Total red varieties	348	0	11	0	359	0%
White winegrapes						
Chardonnay	32	0	0	0	32	0%
Pinot Gris	42	0	0	0	42	0%
Riesling	3	0	0	0	3	0%
Sauvignon Blanc	61	0	0	0	61	0%
Semillon	4	0	0	0	4	0%
Other White	4	0	0	0	4	0%
Total white varieties	146	0	0	0	146	0%
Total all varieties	494	0	11	0	505	0%

Source: Vinehealth Australia

Explanations and definitions

INTAKE (CURRENT VINTAGE) DATA

Definition of regions

Regions have been defined in accordance with Geographical Indication (GI) boundaries. If a GI region has not been declared, or produces less than 5,000 tonnes, then the data is aggregated into the relevant GI zone. Disaggregation of data into smaller regions such as Southern Fleurieu and Mount Benson is available on request from Wine Australia.

Total crush

The total crushed is the total tonnes of grapes crushed from a particular source region, whether processed in that region, another region in SA or interstate. All wineries in Australia are included in the survey collection process. However, not all wineries respond to the survey - therefore the total tonnage reported may underestimate the true crush. It is estimated that the overall response rate for the survey is 89 per cent; however, individual regions may vary. Generally, regions will have a higher response rate when there is a high proportion of purchased winegrapes within the region.

Reported fruit is separated into fruit produced from the winery's own or associated vineyards ("own grown") and from independent vineyards ("purchased").

Calculated average purchase value

The survey requests wineries to provide the total amount paid for each parcel of fruit purchased (or the price per tonne). This is the price paid for fruit of a particular variety at the point of receival – not including specific amounts paid for freight. It includes any penalties or bonuses (eg Baumé) applied at the weighbridge, but DOES NOT INCLUDE other bonuses or adjustments such as end use quality bonuses, which are not available at the time the survey is conducted (May-June 2022).

The calculated average purchase value per tonne is the average amount paid per tonne of fruit across all wineries.

Winery grown grapes are not included in the calculation of average purchase value; nor are grapes grown by companies connected with the winery or under lease arrangements.

Average and total purchase values are not reported where there are fewer than three purchasers of a variety in a particular region. However the values are included in the calculation of totals for each region.

Important note on average purchase value

There is considerable variation in the pricing arrangements made by different wineries. For example, some wineries make adjustment payments based on the average value per tonne reported in this survey and some pay quality bonuses based on the end use of the product. These additional payments are not included in the reported figures. The average price also does not give any indication of the distribution of prices, or variables that go into individual contracts.

Price dispersion data (shaded columns in Intake Summary tables)

All purchases for each variety are grouped into price segments according to the price paid for that batch of fruit. The sum of tonnes in all the price segments may not match the total tonnes purchased where there are tonnes reported without an associated price.

Estimated total value of all grapes

The estimated total value of all grapes is calculated by multiplying the average purchase value per tonne by all tonnes crushed. If there is a variety where there are no purchases, then the average purchase value for the same variety across similar regions, or across all other varieties of the same colour in the same region is used to determine an estimated value for the own grown grapes.

Explanations and definitions - continued

PLANTING DATA

Source of planting data tables

Planting data is obtained from the vineyard register maintained by Vinehealth Australia.

Vinehealth Australia is required under the *Phylloxera and Grape Industry Act* 1995 to maintain a complete and accurate register of vineyard owners in the state. Vineyard owners with plantings of 0.5 hectares or more are required to register with Vinehealth Australia, and provide details of any changes made to these vineyard plantings within three months of any such change. This information is kept strictly confidential and provided for this survey in a deidentified and aggregated manner.

For more information on the planting data in this report or about registration of vineyards, please contact the Vinehealth Australia office on (08) 8273 0550.

Explanatory notes for planting data tables

To protect confidentiality, the following rules are applied to reporting varieties:

- where there are fewer than 10 registered owners with plantings of a
 particular variety across the state, that variety is not separately identified in
 either the state or the regional reports but is grouped with "other
 red/white", AND
- where there are fewer than three registered owners with a particular grape variety in a given region, that variety is not separately identified in the regional report but is grouped with "other red/white" unless it is a white variety listed in the top seven, or red variety in the top five by planted area for the state for the current year.

- Planting data tables are current as at 30 April 2022 and include all plantings from the 2021–22 planting season.
- Reference to "other varieties" includes rootstock, multi-purpose and tablegrape plantings.
- Vines planted in a particular year may include top-worked or replaced vines, as well as new plantings in virgin ground. Where vines have been replaced or top-worked, the old variety record is removed. This explains why the area planted for earlier years may be different in the current report compared with previous reports.
- Where a zero (0) appears in a table, this may indicate the presence of a planting of less than 0.5 hectares, or it may indicate zero plantings. Rounding may produce slight discrepancies in totals.



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The survey publication is available on the Vinehealth Australia website winehealth.com.au and via links from the Wine Grape Council SA website wgcsa.com.au and the South Australian Wine Industry Association website www.winesa.asn.au.

Survey results from 2015 onwards are available on the Wine Australia interactive Vintage Survey Dashboard:

https://marketexplorer.wineaustralia.com/vintage-survey

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