

RIVERINA GRAPE INTAKE 2012 –FINAL FIGURES

WHITE VARIETIES	2009	2010	2011	2012	
				Expected intake pre-vintage	Total leviabile
Chardonnay	75,719	60,597	71,876	65,535	62,571
Chenin Blanc	983	739	657	694	545
Colombard	12,998	8,553	10,358	9,418	6,204
Muscat Blanc (Frontignac)	3,950	4,323	8,456	10,026	9,455
Muscat Gordo Blanco	4,378	3,759	4,607	4,958	4,787
Pinot Gris	11,567	10,902	13,939	12,823	19,016
Riesling	4,192	3,506	3,772	3,685	4,095
Sauvignon Blanc	5,329	5,793	9,085	9,215	9,565
Semillon	35,872	32,740	33,815	29,100	31,919
Traminer	5,469	5,112	6,637	6,089	5,758
Verdelho	5,951	5,479	5,224	4,185	3,700
Viognier	3,554	3,377	2,828	1,865	1,370
Other White	304	555	1,579	1,821	1,462
TOTAL WHITE	172,959	146,702	172,840	159,414	160,446
RED					
Cabernet Sauvignon	24,309	17,341	22,111	23,903	14,352
Durif	3,532	3,561	3,238	3,960	2,909
Merlot	19,463	16,321	19,445	21,667	20,400
Muscat Brown (Red Front)	680	528	701	698	479
Petit Verdot	2,003	2,408	2,151	2,717	1,344
Pinot Noir	2,919	3,304	2,775	3,838	3,119
Ruby Cabernet	8,260	6,472	6,825	7,003	5,431
Sangiovese	555	549	425.99	470	291
Shiraz	68,624	59,842	53,406	58,343	43,490
Tempranillo	993	1,941	435	953	681
Other RED	2,958	3,346	2,840	3,293	2,103
TOTAL RED	134,568	115,765	114,353	126,845	94,599
Total grapes	307,528	262,467	287,187	286,259	255,045

Notes:

- Total leviabile tonnes includes an estimated 8,100 tonnes used for concentrate.
- Wineries reported unpicked fruit totalling approximately 19,500 tonnes of which 6,500t were white varieties and the balance 13,000t in red varieties

COMMENT

- Leading into vintage wineries were anticipating Riverina grape intake of 286KT.
- By the time of the heavy rain of 3 March over 200KT of grape had already been harvested, comprising 150KT of white s and 50KT of red grapes.
- At vintage end, wineries had crushed more white grapes than expected, despite the loss of approximately 6,500 tonnes (unpicked), predominantly Colombard and Muscat Gordo.
- Red grapes were most affected by the March rain. Losses of an estimated 13,000t were predominantly in Cabernet, Shiraz and to a lesser extent Petit Verdot. The significant discrepancies between the expected and actual intake in Shiraz and Cabernet can also be attributed to lower than expected yields.
- Winemakers believe that in the absence of the rains, the Riverina remains capable of producing 300KT of grapes in a normal year.