

SA Winegrape Crush Survey Regional Summary Report - 2013

Limestone Coast (other) Wine Region



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**Mount Benson, Robe, Mt Gambier,
and Limestone Coast other
Wine Regions**



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Limestone Coast zone (other)

Limestone Coast zone (other) includes the GI regions of Mt Benson, Mount Gambier and Robe, and the vineyards around Bordertown, Lucindale, and Beachport, as well as those near but outside the declared GI regions of Padthaway, Coonawarra and Wrattenbully. The total area of vines included in this definition is around 3,280 hectares.

Vintage report

Mount Benson

Both the coastal regions of Robe and Mt Benson have had another notable vintage. Favourable weather conditions resulted in ripe fruit and low disease pressure all season. Days above 35°C are usually very rare due to our cold ocean temperatures, however this year occurred from time to time throughout January, February and March – interestingly ocean temperatures were also warmer than average due to a weaker upwelling this year.

Generally, flowering and berry set went well. There were no significant rain events during the latter part of the growing season. Reports of crop levels have varied across vineyards and the large variation in ripening dates for reds kept wineries busy for longer than usual. The picking period extended for approximately 9 weeks.

Quality-wise, consistently positive messages are being heard about flavour intensity in Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris. Reds are looking bright and fruit forward with good tannin structure and excellent colour intensity. Shiraz looks very strong, Cabernet is not far behind it, and even Merlot is receiving some accolades.

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Vintage overview

Overview of vintage statistics

The harvest from Limestone Coast (other) region was 18,560 tonnes in 2013, up by 2,860 tonnes (18.2%) on the 2012 harvest of 15,700 tonnes. The total value of grapes from the region increased from \$12.3 million to \$18.4 million. The average purchase value for the red varieties increased – Shiraz up by \$323 per tonne to \$1,183 per tonne and Cabernet Sauvignon up by \$272 per tonne to \$1,015 per tonne. Of the white varieties – Sauvignon Blanc stabilized at \$826 per tonne.

There were no new plantings across the Limestone Coast zone (other) region in spring 2012 (including top-working and replacements). The total planted area of vines in the region decreased by 68 hectares (2%) from 2011.

The estimated production for the Limestone Coast (other) region for 2014 is 27,750 tonnes, with the wineries' committed intake being 17,300 tonnes. This leaves around 10,450 tonnes (37.6%) of uncommitted fruit.

In 2018, the estimated production remains around 27,750 tonnes, of which 11,400 tonnes is already under contract or winery grown fruit. This leaves an estimated 16,350 tonnes (58.9%) yet to be contracted or is available on the open market.

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zone - other**

Winegrape intake summary - vintage 2013

Incorporates Mount Benson (2,076 tonnes), Mt Gambier (564 tonnes), Robe (3,055 tonnes), Bordertown (4,214 tonnes) and Limestone Coast zone - other (8,651 tonnes).

Variety	Tonnes purchased	Lowest price ¹	Highest price ¹	Total value purchased grapes	Calc avg. purch. value per tonne	Winery grown fruit	Total crushed ²	Est total value ALL grapes
RED								
Cabernet Franc	144			\$144,300	\$1,000	2	146	\$146,300
Cabernet Sauvignon	2,590	\$600	\$2,700	\$2,629,637	\$1,015	3,436	6,026	\$6,118,444
Malbec	185			\$136,329	\$735	6	191	\$140,739
Mataro	247			\$247,000	\$1,000	0	247	\$247,000
Merlot	972	\$600	\$1,264	\$1,002,513	\$1,031	1,263	2,235	\$2,304,842
Other red	96	\$700	\$1,400	\$84,214	\$876	2	98	\$85,966
Petit Verdot	229			\$224,212	\$979	44	273	\$267,303
Pinot Noir	484	\$500	\$1,250	\$456,939	\$943	407	891	\$840,550
Sangiovese	0			\$0	\$0	1	1	\$1,064
Shiraz	2,807	\$568	\$2,700	\$3,321,591	\$1,183	1,813	4,620	\$5,466,491
Tempranillo	13			\$17,848	\$1,381	16	29	\$39,951
Total Red winegrapes	7,769			\$8,264,584		6,990	14,758	\$15,658,651
WHITE								
Chardonnay	450	\$300	\$1,350	\$304,029	\$676	1,481	1,931	\$1,305,104
Muscat A Petit Grains Blanc	22			\$18,292	\$850	0	22	\$18,292
Other white	22			\$19,331	\$870	0	22	\$19,331
Pinot Gris	194	\$650	\$1,035	\$157,182	\$812	149	343	\$278,425
Riesling	8			\$6,000	\$800	0	8	\$6,000
Sauvignon Blanc	788	\$500	\$1,225	\$650,696	\$826	281	1,068	\$882,472
Semillon	89			\$44,480	\$500	231	320	\$159,755
Verdelho	52			\$30,996	\$596	0	52	\$30,996
Viognier	37			\$23,056	\$625	0	37	\$23,056
Total White winegrapes	1,660			\$1,254,062		2,141	3,802	\$2,723,431
Grand Total All winegrapes	9,429			\$9,518,646		9,131	18,560	\$18,382,083

¹ Lowest and highest prices are only reported when there are at least three purchasers. Very low prices may relate to extremely small parcels of fruit or fruit delivered that was over the contract amount or penalised for other reasons.

² It is estimated that the non-response rate for Limestone Coast zone other is 0.0%.

**Limestone Coast zone
(other)**

Current plantings by variety and year planted

	Variety	Current area in hectares				Total area	% planted in 2012
		Pre-2010	2010	2011	2012		
Bordertown	Red winegrapes						
	Cabernet Franc	30	0	0	0	30	0%
	Cabernet Sauvignon	415	0	0	0	415	0%
	Malbec	21	0	0	0	21	0%
	Mataro (Mourvedre)	43	0	0	0	43	0%
	Merlot	219	0	0	0	219	0%
	Other red	12	4	3	0	19	0%
	Petit Verdot	43	0	0	0	43	0%
	Shiraz	333	0	0	0	333	0%
	Total red varieties	1,116	4	3	0	1,123	0%
	White winegrapes						
	Chardonnay	88	0	0	0	88	0%
	Other White	8	0	0	0	8	0%
	Pinot Gris	12	0	0	0	12	0%
	Sauvignon Blanc	8	0	0	0	8	0%
	Semillon	10	0	0	0	10	0%
	Verdelho	6	0	0	0	6	0%
Total white varieties	131	0	0	0	131	0%	
Total all varieties	1,247	4	3	0	1,254	0%	

	Variety	Current area in hectares				Total area	% planted in 2012
		Pre-2010	2010	2011	2012		
Mount Benson	Red winegrapes						
	Cabernet Franc	3	0	0	0	3	0%
	Cabernet Sauvignon	115	0	0	0	115	0%
	Merlot	52	0	0	0	52	0%
	Petit Verdot	2	0	0	0	2	0%
	Pinot Noir	2	0	0	0	2	0%
	Shiraz	167	0	0	0	167	0%
	Total red varieties	340	0	0	0	340	0%
	White winegrapes						
	Chardonnay	38	0	0	0	38	0%
	Other white	17	0	0	0	17	0%
	Pinot Gris	42	0	0	0	42	0%
	Sauvignon Blanc	65	2	0	0	67	0%
	Total white varieties	162	2	0	0	164	0%
	Total all varieties	503	2	0	0	504	0%

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Current plantings by variety and year planted

Robe	Variety	Current area in hectares				Total area	% planted in 2012
		Pre-2010	2010	2011	2012		
	Red winegrapes						
	Cabernet Sauvignon	225	0	0	0	225	0%
	Malbec	2	0	0	0	2	0%
	Merlot	58	0	0	0	58	0%
	Petit Verdot	3	0	0	0	3	0%
	Pinot Noir	46	0	0	0	46	0%
	Shiraz	171	0	0	0	171	0%
	Total red varieties	505	0	0	0	505	0%
	White winegrapes						
	Chardonnay	101	0	0	0	101	0%
	Pinot Gris	15	0	0	0	15	0%
	Sauvignon Blanc	43	0	0	0	43	0%
	Semillon	12	0	0	0	12	0%
	Total white varieties	172	0	0	0	172	0%
	Total all varieties	677	0	0	0	677	0%

Other Limestone Coast zone

	Variety	Current area in hectares				Total area	% planted in 2012
		Pre-2010	2010	2011	2012		
	Red winegrapes						
	Cabernet Franc	2	0	0	0	2	0%
	Cabernet Sauvignon	344	0	0	0	344	0%
	Merlot	45	0	0	0	45	0%
	Petit Verdot	3	0	0	0	3	0%
	Pinot Noir	10	0	0	0	10	0%
	Shiraz	136	0	0	0	136	0%
	Total red varieties	541	0	0	0	541	0%
	White winegrapes						
	Chardonnay	41	0	0	0	41	0%
	Pinot Gris	1	0	0	0	1	0%
	Riesling	4	0	0	0	4	0%
	Sauvignon Blanc	9	0	0	0	9	0%
	Vermentino	0	0	2	0	2	0%
	Total white varieties	55	0	2	0	57	0%
	Total all varieties	596	0	2	0	598	0%

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(other)**

Current plantings by variety and year planted

Mount Gambier	Variety	Current area in hectares				Total area	% planted in 2012
		<i>Pre-2010</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>		
	Red winegrapes						
	Cabernet Franc	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Cabernet Sauvignon	13	0	0	0	13	0%
	Merlot	1	0	0	0	1	0%
	Pinot Noir	68	0	0	0	68	0%
	Shiraz	0	0	0	0	0	0%
	Total red varieties	83	0	0	0	83	0%
	White winegrapes						
	Chardonnay	42	0	0	0	42	0%
	Pinot Gris	21	0	0	0	21	0%
	Riesling	5	0	0	0	5	0%
	Sauvignon Blanc	97	0	0	0	97	0%
	Semillon	1	0	0	0	1	0%
	Viognier	1	0	0	0	1	0%
	Total white varieties	167	0	0	0	167	0%
	Total all varieties	250	0	0	0	250	0%
Total for Limestone Coast zone (other)		3,273	6	5	0	3,283	0%

**Limestone Coast
zone - other**

Estimated supply and committed intake 2014 - 2018

Variety	2014				2016				2018			
	Est Supply ¹	Committed intake ²			Est Supply ¹	Committed intake ²			Est Supply ¹	Committed intake ²		
		Winery grapes	Contract purchases	Total committed intake		Winery grapes	Contract purchases	Total committed intake		Winery grapes	Contract purchases	Total committed intake
Red winegrapes												
Cabernet Franc	313	6	171	178	313	8	171	180	313	8	0	8
Cabernet Sauvignon	8,435	3,051	1,837	4,888	8,435	2,953	1,567	4,520	8,435	2,961	466	3,427
Malbec	185	5	164	169	185	5	0	5	185	5	0	5
Mataro	383	0	254	254	383	0	254	254	383	0	0	0
Merlot	3,274	1,148	1,175	2,323	3,274	1,089	1,175	2,264	3,274	1,089	154	1,243
Other red	551	2	82	84	564	2	82	84	564	2	82	84
Petit Verdot	443	10	228	239	443	10	228	239	443	10	17	28
Pinot Noir	758	322	514	836	758	140	485	625	758	146	488	634
Sangiovese	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Shiraz	7,156	1,704	2,433	4,137	7,156	1,721	1,984	3,705	7,156	1,723	655	2,379
Tempranillo	0	15	6	22	0	12	6	18	0	12	6	18
Total red winegrapes	21,498	6,266	6,864	13,130	21,511	5,943	5,952	11,895	21,511	5,959	1,869	7,828
White winegrapes												
Chardonnay	2,872	1,571	825	2,396	2,872	1,329	818	2,146	2,872	1,329	814	2,143
Muscat A Petit Grains Blanc	0	0	21	21	0	0	21	21	0	0	21	21
Other white	600	0	27	27	604	0	23	23	604	0	23	23
Pinot Gris	725	305	175	480	725	347	76	423	725	349	76	425
Sauvignon Blanc	1,838	253	636	889	1,842	265	537	802	1,842	265	537	802
Semillon	219	146	164	310	219	146	0	146	219	146	0	146
Verdelho	0	0	24	24	0	0	24	24	0	0	24	24
Viognier	0	7	37	44	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7
Total white winegrapes	6,254	2,282	1,907	4,189	6,262	2,094	1,497	3,592	6,262	2,096	1,494	3,591
All winegrapes	27,752	8,548	8,771	17,319	27,773	8,037	7,449	15,486	27,773	8,056	3,364	11,419

¹ Supply forecast produced by PGIBSA based on the South Australian vineyard register

² A raising factor of 1.027 has been applied to committed intake to allow for non-respondents