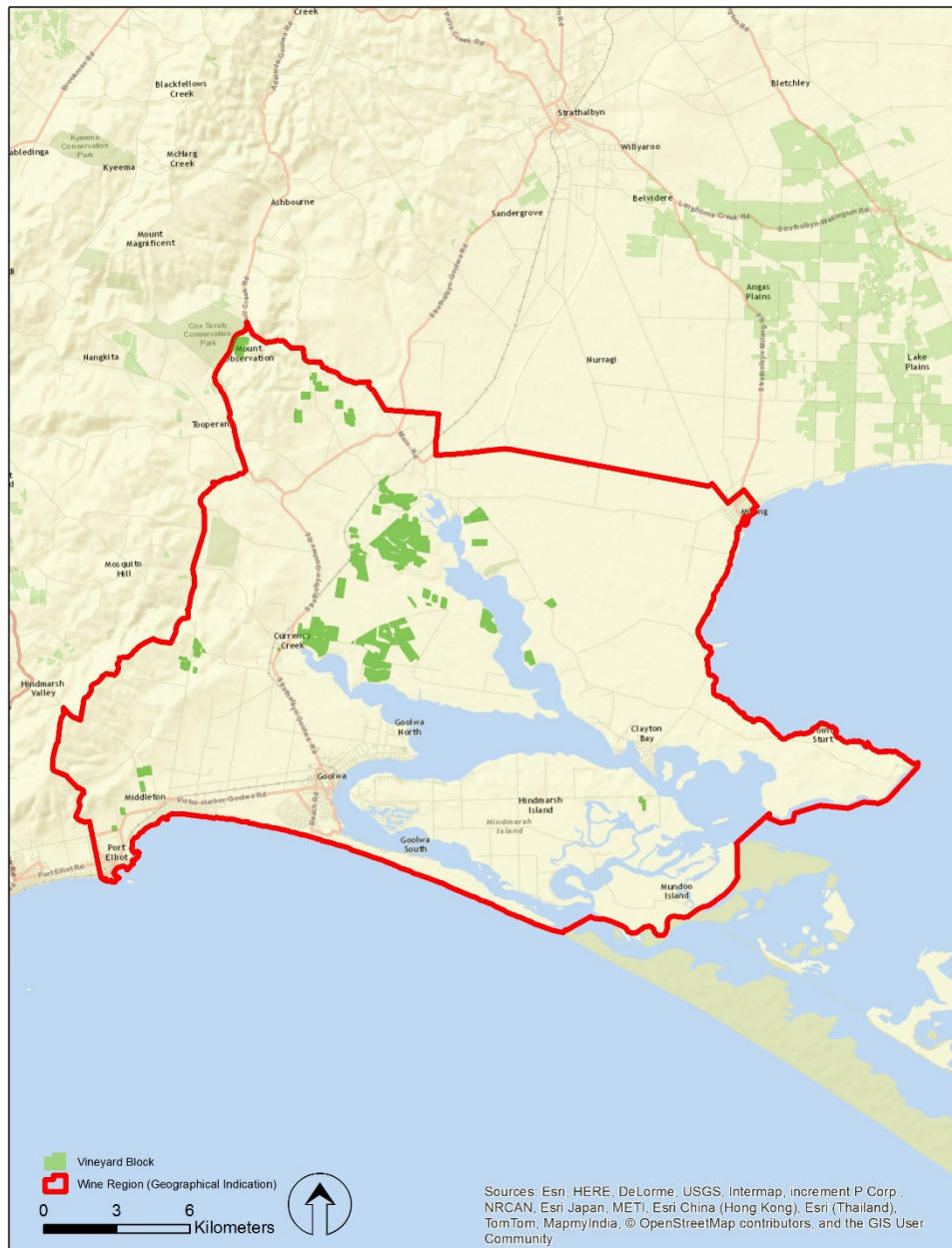


# SA Winegrape Crush Survey 2020

## Regional Summary Report

### Currency Creek Wine Region

*Wine Australia July 2020*



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PROJECTION: MGA Zone 54  
DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
SOFTWARE: ESRI ArcGIS v10.4  
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Vineyard Block - Vinehealth Australia  
Wine Region - Wine Australia

**Currency Creek  
Wine Region**



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# Currency Creek

## Vintage overview

### VINTAGE REPORT

A return to average winter rains in 2019, together with cool spring conditions, led to strong early spring growth and bunch numbers across all varieties.

The early summer remained cool, with above average shower activity which had some impact on fruit set, and resulting yield, ranging from minimal impact on white varieties, some impact on shiraz, to significant impact on some cabernet sauvignon blocks.

The cooler moist weather continued until December 20th - 28th when strong, intermittent, hot northerly winds persisted through out the region. This was immediately followed by significant rain and a return to a cooler vintage, enabling the harvest of whites in mid February and reds completed by 20th April.

Although the weather in the lead up to harvest was somewhat more unstable than average, some exceptional fruit characteristics were found in white varieties given time to balance, in particular, sauvignon blanc, pinot gris and chardonnay.

The red varieties also took some time to balance fruit acid and sugar ripeness, as always patience was rewarded and later picked parcels of more physiological ripeness are showing both strong varietal definition and significant fruit weight.

2020 district yields remained variable between varieties and blocks, but in general were less than in previous averages.

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### OVERVIEW OF VINTAGE STATISTICS

The reported crush of Currency Creek winegrapes was 3189 tonnes in 2020, up by 2 per cent compared with the 2019 reported crush of 3139 tonnes. It was the second lowest recorded crush since 2007, when crush data was first collected for the region. Over the past five years (up to 2019), the average crush for Currency Creek has been 7058 tonnes, making this year's crush 55 per cent below the five-year average.

There were 17 respondents to the survey who reported crushing grapes from Currency Creek in 2020, compared with 12 in 2019. This increase may account for some of the apparent increase in the reported crush.

The total estimated value of Currency Creek winegrapes in 2020 was just under \$4 million compared with \$3.2 million in 2019 – a 25 per cent increase. The slight increase in production was enhanced by an overall rise in the average purchase value of grapes, which increased by 16 per cent from \$1101 in 2019 to \$1279 per tonne.

The average value of Shiraz increased by 15 per cent to \$1360 per tonne, while the average value of Cabernet Sauvignon increased by 10 per cent to \$1287 per tonne.

The price dispersion data shows that approximately two-thirds of red grapes and 100 per cent of white grapes were purchased at between \$600 and \$1500 per tonne.

According to Vinehealth Australia data, the total vineyard area in Currency Creek as at 30 April 2020 is 991 hectares, with no new plantings for the past four years. The total area is around 30 hectares more than it was 5 years ago.

# Currency Creek

## Winegrape intake summary table

	Total tonnes purchased	Price dispersion - number of tonnes in each price range					total value purchased grapes	Average purch. value per tonne	Change in price YoY	Winery grown fruit	Share of winery grown	Total crushed	Est total value ALL grapes
		< \$300	\$300 to <\$600	\$600 to <\$1500	\$1500 to <\$2000	\$2000+							
Red													
Cabernet Sauvignon	251			170	81		\$322,761	\$1,287	10%	486	66%	737	\$948,211
Durif										103	100%	103	\$137,861
Grenache										42	100%	42	\$87,204
Malbec										8	100%	8	\$10,814
Merlot	28			28						201	88%	229	\$137,130
Petit Verdot										20	100%	20	\$22,619
Pinot Noir	10			10						19	65%	29	\$33,097
Sangiovese	13				13						0%	13	\$19,770
Shiraz	1,021			585	421	15	\$1,388,409	\$1,360	15%	475	32%	1,496	\$2,033,946
Tempranillo	9				9						0%	9	\$13,830
Red total	1,332			793	524	15	\$1,773,029	\$1,331	15%	1,353	50%	2,685	\$3,444,483
White													
Chardonnay	29			29						39	57%	69	\$65,823
Gewurztraminer										74	100%	74	\$66,197
Pinot Gris/Grigio	43			43							0%	43	\$44,440
Prosecco	12			12							0%	12	\$17,531
Sauvignon Blanc	86			86			\$56,294	\$658		202	70%	288	\$189,082
Vermentino	19			19							0%	19	\$25,970
White total	189			189			\$172,248	\$913	16%	316	63%	504	\$409,043
Grand total	1,521			981	524	15	\$1,945,276	\$1,279	16%	1,668	52%	3,189	\$3,853,526

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

# Currency Creek

## Current plantings by variety and year planted

<i>Variety</i>	<i>Pre-2017</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>Total area</i>	<i>% planted in 2019</i>
<b>Red winegrapes</b>						
Cabernet Sauvignon	298	0	0	0	298	0%
Grenache	11	0	0	0	11	0%
Merlot	60	0	0	0	60	0%
Pinot Noir	12	0	0	0	12	0%
Sangiovese	4	0	0	0	4	0%
Shiraz	339	0	0	0	339	0%
Other Red	26	0	0	0	26	0%
<b>Total red varieties</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>White winegrapes</b>						
Chardonnay	122	0	0	0	122	0%
Pinot Gris	31	0	0	0	31	0%
Sauvignon Blanc	56	0	0	0	56	0%
Semillon	7	0	0	0	7	0%
Viognier	2	0	0	0	2	0%
Other White	20	0	0	0	20	0%
<b>Total white varieties</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>0%</b>
Unknown variety	3	0	0	0	3	0%
<b>Total all varieties</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>0%</b>

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 88 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 receipt – 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 2020).

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 not collected by the Australian National Vintage Survey. The information 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 2020 and include all plantings from the 2019–20 planting season.
- Reference to “other varieties” includes rootstock, multi-purpose and table-grape 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 topworked, 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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