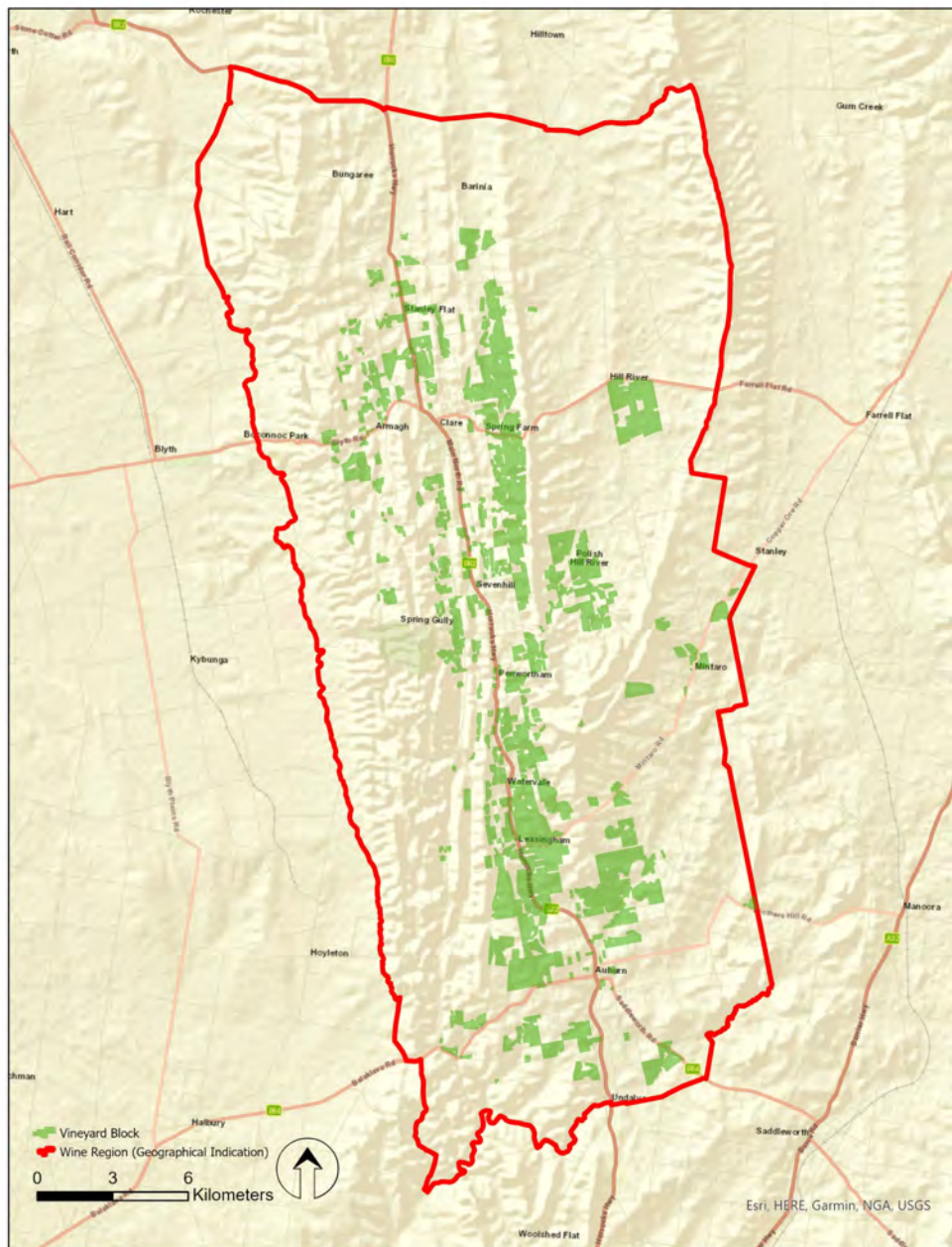


# SA Winegrape Crush Survey 2022

## Regional Summary Report

### Clare Valley Wine Region

*Wine Australia July 2022*



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PROJECTION: SA Lambert  
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Wine Region - Wine Australia

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## Vintage overview

### VINTAGE REPORT

This year the Clare Valley celebrates the 21st birthday of the screw cap closure, an innovation pioneered by the region.

The 2022 vintage brings good news for wineries and grape growers after a hard year for businesses, with quality consistently high across both red and white varieties in 2022, a vintage which also recorded strong yields.

The season in 2021 began with a dry cool autumn which led into good winter rains and above average spring rainfall. The timing of this rain led to decent soil moisture during the growing season even though the annual rainfall was down on average.

The cool wet spring delayed budburst slightly and, combined with a cool summer, led to one of the latest starts to the vintage in more than a decade. Flavour ripeness developed before Baume specifications necessitated picking and wineries had time to process the fruit without the capacity issues that occur in a compressed vintage.

A couple of frosty nights in mid-October caused some isolated damage and wet conditions through flowering in November led to poor fruit set in some varieties and blocks. But overall, the region escaped damage from fire and hail and as a result reported a total yield that was 10-15 percent up on last year.

Cool, dry weather through summer and early autumn provided favourable ripening conditions, producing fruit with good natural acid levels and full varietal flavour.

The 2022 Riesling is looking exceptional, and red varieties are showing a combination of quality and yield not seen for several years, with Cabernet Sauvignon looking like a real standout.

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### OVERVIEW OF VINTAGE STATISTICS

The reported crush of Clare Valley winegrapes was 26,194 tonnes, up by 32 per cent on the 2021 crush of 14,427 tonnes and 33 per cent above the 5-year average of 19,675 tonnes (2017–2021). It was the second-largest crush in the past 10-year period.

There were a record 52 respondents to the survey who reported crushing grapes from the Clare Valley in 2022, compared with 45 in 2021.

The total estimated value of winegrapes in 2022 was just over \$43 million compared with \$31 million in 2021 (an increase of 39 per cent). The higher production was enhanced by a 9 per cent increase in the average purchase value of grapes, which increased from \$1502 in 2021 to \$1633 per tonne.

The biggest increases in average value were for Cabernet Sauvignon (up 16 per cent to \$1850 per tonne and Riesling (up 11 per cent to \$1604 per tonne). Shiraz declined by 1 per cent to \$1753 per tonne. The average value for Cabernet Sauvignon was higher than that of Shiraz for the first time.

The price dispersion data reflects this upward shift in prices paid, with 24 per cent of grapes being purchased at \$2000 per tonne and above, compared with 10 per cent in 2021.

According to Vinehealth Australia data, the total vineyard area in the Clare Valley as at 30 April 2022 was 5189 hectares, an increase of nearly 200 hectares compared with the previous year and almost identical to the area in 2017.

There were 38 hectares of new vines planted in the region in the 2021-22 season (including top-working and replacements), with two-thirds being Shiraz.

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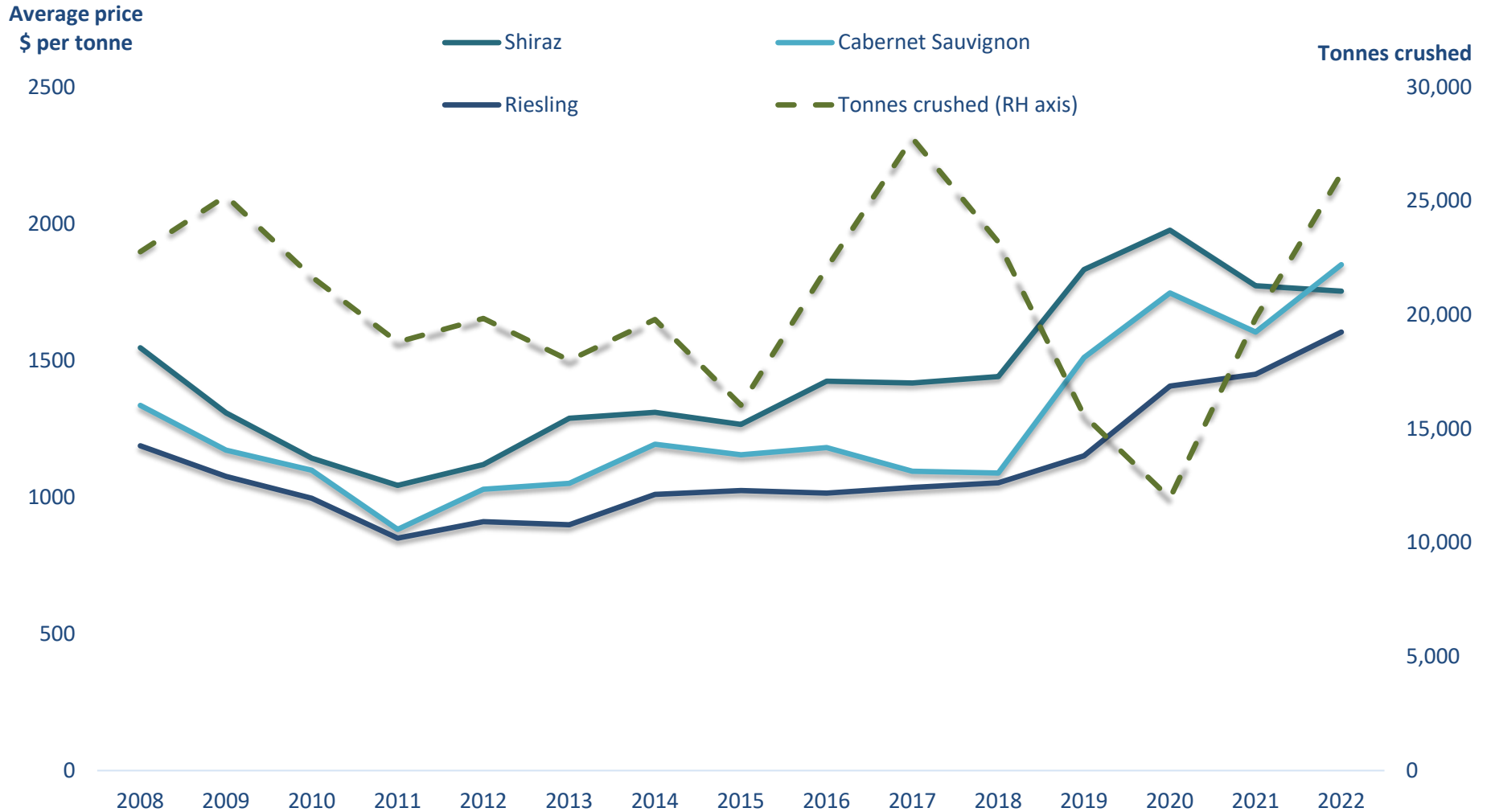
## Winegrape intake summary table

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
<b>Red</b>								
Barbera					10	100%	10	\$20,298
Cabernet Franc	9	\$13,850	\$1,537	5%	28	76%	37	\$56,635
Cabernet Sauvignon	2,702	\$5,000,024	\$1,850	16%	2,809	51%	5,511	\$10,197,444
Graciano					10	100%	10	\$19,351
Grenache	70	\$140,822	\$2,000	-5%	319	82%	389	\$778,771
Malbec	192	\$316,888	\$1,651	-0%	352	65%	543	\$897,383
Mataro/Mourvedre	116	\$220,163	\$1,893	0%	116	50%	232	\$439,595
Merlot	339	\$343,475	\$1,014	-1%	647	66%	986	\$999,409
Montepulciano	5				15	76%	20	\$39,084
Muscat à Petits Grains Rouges	15				0	2%	16	\$5,439
Nero d'Avola					9	100%	9	\$18,439
Petit Verdot	3				77	96%	80	\$116,019
Pinot Noir					26	100%	26	\$57,449
Sangiovese	48	\$59,497	\$1,234	1%	191	80%	240	\$295,582
Shiraz	3,516	\$6,165,045	\$1,753	-1%	5,618	62%	9,134	\$16,016,441
Tempranillo	73	\$79,212	\$1,079	-14%	90	55%	163	\$175,878
Touriga Nacional					21	100%	21	\$41,303
Other red					22	100%	22	\$55,008
<b>Red Total</b>	<b>7,089</b>	<b>\$12,358,077</b>	<b>\$1,743</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10,361</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>\$30,229,527</b>
<b>White</b>								
Chardonnay	434	\$397,343	\$915	-12%	192	31%	627	\$573,233
Fiano	9				32	77%	42	\$69,836
Gewürztraminer	80	\$83,705	\$1,048	-1%	18	18%	98	\$102,303
Pinot Gris/Grigio	224	\$268,370	\$1,199	-8%	307	58%	531	\$637,013
Riesling	3,696	\$5,930,113	\$1,604	11%	3,209	46%	6,906	\$11,079,300
Sauvignon Blanc	3				39	94%	42	\$41,800
Semillon	219	\$143,826	\$656	-5%	76	26%	295	\$193,756
Verdelho					4	100%	4	\$4,814
Vermentino					22	100%	22	\$31,108
Viognier					38	100%	38	\$54,522
Other white	12				128	92%	140	\$165,598
<b>White Total</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>\$6,853,566</b>	<b>\$1,465</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4,067</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>8,744</b>	<b>\$12,953,282</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11,766</b>	<b>\$19,211,643</b>	<b>\$1,633</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14,427</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>26,194</b>	<b>\$43,182,809</b>

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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## Historical weighted average price vs tonnes crushed



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## Price dispersion – purchased grapes

Varieties	Tonnes purchased in each segment					Total purchased
	<\$600	\$600-<\$900	\$900-<\$1500	\$1500-<\$2000	>\$2000	
<b>Red</b>						
Cabernet Franc			8		1	9
Cabernet Sauvignon	165		376	881	1,280	2,702
Grenache			10	18	43	70
Malbec			44	122	26	192
Mataro/Mourvedre			9	57	50	116
Merlot	69		269			339
Montepulciano					5	5
Muscat à Petits Grains Rouges	15					15
Petit Verdot			3			3
Sangiovese			45	3		48
Shiraz	86	106	488	1,647	1,189	3,516
Tempranillo	25		26	23		73
<b>Red total</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>7,089</b>
<b>White</b>						
Chardonnay	89		338	8		434
Fiano				9		9
Gewürztraminer			72	8		80
Pinot Gris/Grigio			201	17	6	224
Riesling			1,198	2,244	254	3,696
Sauvignon Blanc			3			3
Semillon	125	33	55		6	219
Other white			12			12
<b>White total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>4,677</b>
<b>Total purchased</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>5,037</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>11,766</b>

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## Current plantings by variety and year planted

Variety	Area (hectares)				Total area (Ha)	% planted in 2021
	Pre-2019	2019	2020	2021		
<b>Red winegrapes</b>						
Cabernet Franc	11	2	0	0	13	0%
Cabernet Sauvignon	1,042	42	0	0	1,084	0%
Grenache	65	0	9	3	77	4%
Malbec	84	0	0	0	84	0%
Mataro (Mourvedre)	34	0	0	0	34	0%
Merlot	225	0	0	0	225	0%
Nero d'Avola	2	2	2	0	6	0%
Petit Verdot	9	0	0	0	9	0%
Pinot Noir	8	0	0	0	8	0%
Sangiovese	34	0	1	1	36	3%
Shiraz	1,854	58	40	21	1,973	1%
Tempranillo	36	0	0	2	38	5%
Touriga	3	0	0	0	3	0%
Zinfandel	3	0	0	0	3	0%
Other Red	16	0	0	0	16	0%
<b>Total red varieties</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3,609</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>White winegrapes</b>						
Chardonnay	113	0	0	0	113	0%
Fiano	9	0	0	0	9	0%
Muscat Gordo Blanco	1	0	0	1	2	50%
Pinot Gris	60	6	0	2	68	3%
Riesling	1,041	4	9	6	1,060	1%
Sauvignon Blanc	14	0	0	0	14	0%
Semillon	61	0	0	0	61	0%
Traminer (Gewurztraminer)	21	0	0	0	21	0%
Vermentino	5	0	0	0	5	0%
Viognier	10	0	0	0	10	0%
Other White	26	0	2	2	30	7%
<b>Total white varieties</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1%</b>
Unknown variety	186	0	0	0	186	0%
Rootstock Block	1	0	0	0	1	0%
<b>Total all varieties</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5,189</b>	<b>1%</b>

Source:  
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