



Time to Stock Up on Reds

After many years of drinking more white wine than red, we could not have chosen a worse time to develop a palate for red wine. Two poor vintages in 1994 and 1995 have already left stocks of reds depleted, with many major brands expected to run out well before the new vintages are ready for release.

A booming export market has not helped the situation with many companies in a quandary - do they continue to send the same quantities overseas to keep new customers happy or do they retain extra stocks here at home to satisfy the faithful domestic market?

Although white wine is still the first choice of most consumers, red wine sales have grown by 3,135,000 litres over the past year while white wine has dropped by 7,979,000 litres. Over the past ten years sales of red wine have nearly doubled, growing from 37,188,000 litres to 63,767,000 litres. Over the same period white wine has seen a drop from 15,570,000 to 156,211,000 from 171,781,000 litres.

All the major red wine growers have been able to prepare for this major increase in red wine sales by planting new vineyards of their own or those of contract growers. New planting of red varieties in 1994-1995 covered 2893 hectares with the largest varieties being Shiraz (1419 hectares) and Cabernet Sauvignon (984 hectares). Over 50% of all red wine is packaged in 750 ml bottles.

Merlot, previously used predominantly with Cabernet Sauvignon in blends, is

rapidly becoming a favourite in its own right. According to Mitchelton winemaker Don Lewis, "Merlot has a more immediate appeal as a young wine than any other red varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, making it ideal for today's 'drink now' market."

Availability of both minor and major red label wines

- Basedow SA Shiraz - depleted before new release
- Grant Burge SA - on allocation
- Eileen Hardy SA - on allocation
- Browns of Padthaway - stock available
- Yarra Burn Vic - on allocation
- Tyrells Private Bin wines NSW - all on allocation
- Tyrells Old Winery NSW - stock available
- Seppelt's wines have a supply problem, but it relates to the location of their wineries.
- Wynns have ample stocks of their Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Shiraz Merlot but all the other wines in the range are on allocation. There will be no Wynn's Michael or John Riddock released next year.

Members who have a favourite red should check the availability and buy up if necessary.

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