

SA Winegrape Crush Survey 2025

Regional Summary Report

# McLaren Vale Wine Region

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### Vintage overview

#### **VINTAGE REPORT**

One of intensity and vibrancy, the 2025 vintage was shaped by a warm, dry growing season in the McLaren Vale wine region – blending exceptional fruit quality with resilience.

Warmer than average maximum daily temperatures resulted in early bud burst, arriving nearly two weeks ahead of the long-term average. Warm, dry and calm conditions allowed for a short flowering period and even fruit set. Dry conditions minimised disease pressure allowing for healthy vine growth.

Consistently warm weather conditions encouraged an early veraison and start to vintage. The warm, dry conditions also led to slightly smaller berries with remarkable concentration – a hallmark of the 2025 vintage.

Harvest in the McLaren Vale wine region commenced at the end of January, continuing the trend of an early season – nearly two weeks ahead of schedule. A four-day heatwave in early February tested conditions, yet the fruit held up exceptionally well, reflecting both the resilience of the region's vineyards and the expertise of its growers. The early and compacted harvest concluded by the end of March.

While it was warmer than average, there were no damaging heatwaves, and peak maximum temperatures were similar to a "typical" summer.

Despite the dry weather, fruit showed excellent balance, flavour development, and structure, leading to high-quality outcomes in the winery.

Winemakers across McLaren Vale wine region are enthusiastic about the quality of Vintage 2025. Consistent ripening conditions produced wines of depth, concentration, vibrancy and fine natural tannin.

Jodie Armstrong, for McLaren Vale Grape, Wine and Tourism Association

#### **OVERVIEW OF VINTAGE STATISTICS**

The reported crush of McLaren Vale winegrapes in 2025 was 36,104 tonnes, up by 28 per cent compared with the prior year's crush. Over the past five years, the average reported crush for the McLaren Vale has been 31,146 tonnes, making this year's crush 16 per cent above the five-year (2020–2024) average.

There were a record 112 respondents to the survey who reported crushing grapes from McLaren Vale in 2025, compared with 98 in 2024.

The total value of winegrapes in 2025 was \$58 million, compared with \$46 million in 2024, an increase of 25 per cent. The overall average value declined by 1 per cent from \$1,593 in 2024 to \$1,571 per tonne.

Of the major varieties, Grenache had the highest average value at \$2,138 per tonne despite decreasing by 1 per cent. The largest variety, Shiraz also declined in average purchase value – down by 3 per cent to \$1,538 per tonne. On the other hand, Cabernet Sauvignon has started to see an increase (up 9 per cent) to \$1,647 per tonne after being in decline since 2020.

The price dispersion data shows an upward shift, with 54 per cent of all grapes being purchased at \$1,500 per tonne or above compared with 51 per cent in 2024.

According to Vinehealth Australia data, the total vineyard area in the McLaren Vale as at 30 April 2025 was 7,335 hectares, a net decrease of 48 hectares compared with the previous year and 79 hectares less than it was in 2021.

There were 20 hectares of new plantings (including top-working and replacements) in the 2024–25 season, split almost evenly between red and white varieties. The most new plantings over the past three years have been in Grenache and Fiano.

### Winegrape intake summary table – red winegrapes

Martinta	Tonnes		Average purchase value p	•	_	grown share	Total crushed	Estimated total value
Varieties Red	purchased	purchased	per tonne	year	(tonnes)	of crush	(tonnes)	all grapes
Barbera	8						8	\$16,018
Cabernet Franc	15	\$38,010	\$2,558	10%	5	24%	20	\$50,074
Cabernet Sauvignon	3,212	\$5,289,238	\$1,647	9%	3,221	50%	6,433	
Durif	15	<b>.</b>	¥ ,-		4	21%	19	\$50,246
Graciano	35	\$77,332	\$2,181	-0%	15	29%	50	\$109,545
Grenache	1,117	\$2,388,942	\$2,138	-1%	1,310	54%	2,428	\$5,190,033
Malbec	9				11	57%	20	\$40,204
Mataro/Mourvedre	367	\$851,557	\$2,318	8%	259	41%	627	\$1,453,108
Merlot	267	\$264,888	\$992	-4%	198	43%	465	\$461,596
Montepulciano	19	\$39,495	\$2,039	9%	27	58%	46	\$94,078
Muscat à Petits Grains Rouges	22				15	40%	37	\$53,266
Nebbiolo					1	100%	1	\$3,318
Nero d'Avola	52	\$92,205	\$1,770	-9%	91	64%	143	\$252,899
Petit Verdot	19				83	81%	102	\$86,463
Pinot Noir	431	\$482,684	\$1,120	-20%	40	9%	471	\$520,765
Sangiovese	276	\$498,688	\$1,808	-7%	163	37%	439	\$793,579
Shiraz	13,667	\$21,015,904	\$1,538	-3%	7,169	34%	20,837	\$32,041,864
Tempranillo	204	\$419,769	\$2,054	9%	138	40%	343	\$703,631
Touriga Nacional	93	\$173,447	\$1,874	-8%	109	54%	201	\$377,073
Other red	75	\$148,092	\$1,975	5%	186	71%	261	\$498,500
Red Total	19,905	\$31,901,834	\$1,603	-1%	13,046	40%	32,950	\$53,389,684

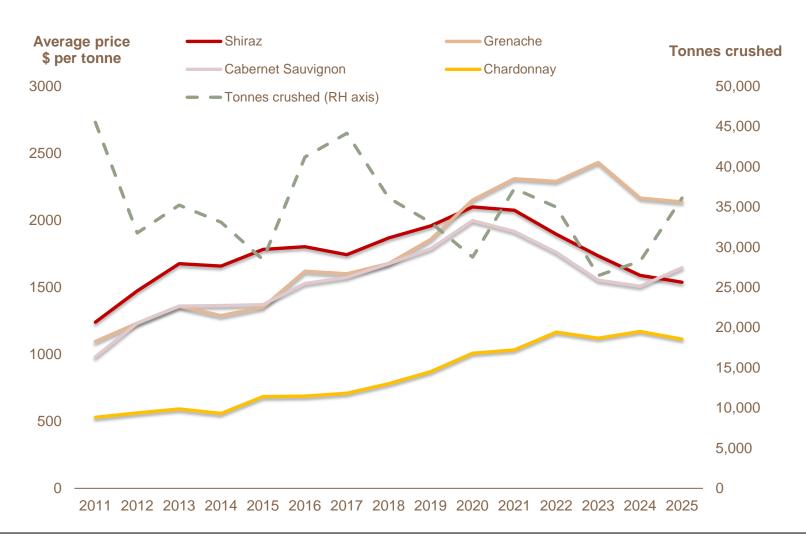
Note: Where there are fewer than three purchasers of a variety, the average price and total value are not reported to protect confidentiality.

### Winegrape intake summary table – white winegrapes

			Average	Change in	Winery	Winery	Total	Estimated
	Tonnes	Total value	purchase value p	_	grown fruit g		crushed	total value
Varieties	purchased	purchased	per tonne	year	(tonnes)	of crush	(tonnes)	all grapes
White								
Chardonnay	1,396	\$1,553,521	\$1,113	-5%	138	9%	1,535	\$1,703,422
Chenin Blanc	41	\$63,049	\$1,527	-3%	33	45%	74	\$113,745
Fiano	217	\$424,967	\$1,954	17%	203	48%	420	\$820,836
Marsanne	32				43	58%	75	\$104,356
Muscat à Petits Grains Blancs	21	\$24,010	\$1,144	0%	14	39%	35	\$39,681
Muscat Gordo Blanco	13						13	\$12,550
Pinot Gris/Grigio					122	100%	122	\$173,712
Prosecco	43						43	\$72,615
Riesling	69				9	11%	77	\$104,197
Roussanne					30	100%	30	\$38,888
Sauvignon Blanc	55	\$68,806	\$1,255	-42%	89	62%	143	\$179,955
Semillon					45	100%	45	\$56,118
Verdelho	79				69	47%	147	\$197,068
Vermentino	39	\$72,362	\$1,848	-6%	46	54%	85	\$157,381
Viognier	91	\$121,321	\$1,327	0%	82	47%	174	\$230,421
Other white	55	\$93,033	\$1,689	-9%	82	60%	137	\$242,193
White Total	2,151	\$2,747,904	\$1,278	-1%	1,004	32%	3,154	\$4,247,136
Grand Total	22,055	\$34,649,738	\$1,571	-1%	14,049	39%	36,104	\$57,636,821

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

### Historical weighted average price vs tonnes crushed



### Price dispersion – purchased grapes (red)

	Tonnes purchased in each segment								
Varieties	<\$600	\$600-<\$900	\$900-<\$1500	\$1500-<\$2000	>\$2000	Total purchased			
Red									
Barbera					8	8			
Cabernet Franc				4	11	15			
Cabernet Sauvignon	43	18	989	1,348	813	3,212			
Durif			3		12	15			
Graciano				2	34	35			
Grenache	30	30	124	314	617	1,115			
Malbec					9	9			
Mataro/Mourvedre			10	138	219	367			
Merlot	24	62	152	28		265			
Montepulciano				3	17	19			
Muscat à Petits Grains Rouges			5	17		22			
Nero d'Avola		6	6	10	30	52			
Petit Verdot	11		8			19			
Pinot Noir	32	62	295		42	431			
Sangiovese			10	207	59	276			
Shiraz	1,900	735	4,001	3,984	3,042	13,663			
Tempranillo				53	151	204			
Touriga Nacional			1	35	56	93			
Other red				28	47	75			
Red Total	2,041	913	5,606	6,172	5,165	19,896			

### Price dispersion – purchased grapes (white)

	Tonnes purchased in each segment					
Varieties	<\$600	\$600-<\$900	\$900-<\$1500	\$1500-<\$2000	>\$2000	Total purchased
White						
Chardonnay	44	43	1,247	62		1,396
Chenin Blanc			9	28	5	41
Fiano				97	121	217
Marsanne			32			32
Muscat à Petits Grains Blancs			16	5		21
Muscat Gordo Blanco			13			13
Prosecco				32	11	43
Riesling			42	26		69
Sauvignon Blanc		12	31	12		55
Verdelho			70		9	79
Vermentino				32	7	39
Viognier		16	63	12		91
Other white			24	15	15	54
White Total	44	72	1,546	321	167	2,150
Total purchased	2,085	984	7,152	6,492	5,332	22,046

### Current plantings by variety and year planted - reds

	Area (hectares)					
Variation.	D	0000	0000	0004	Total area	% planted
Variety	Pre-2022	2022	2023	2024	(Ha)	in 2024
Red Winegrapes	0		2		_	
Aglianico	3		2		5	
Barbera	11				11	
Cabernet Franc	18			•	18	00/
Cabernet Sauvignon	1,278			3	1,280	0%
Carignan	6				6	
Cinsault	3	1	1		5	
Durif (Petite Sirah)	5				5	
Graciano	8				8	
Grenache	497	14	18	1	530	0%
Malbec	12				12	
Mataro (Mourvedre)	97	1			98	
Mencia	6	1			7	
Merlot	166				166	
Montepulciano	18		1		19	
Nero d'Avola	26	3	3	1	33	3%
Other Red	28		0		28	
Petit Verdot	35				35	
Pinot Noir	42		2		45	
Sagrantino	5				5	
Sangiovese	43	7	4	1	55	2%
Saperavi	3		2		5	
Shiraz	4,122	4	_	3	4,130	0%
Tempranillo	73	1	1	2	77	3%
Touriga	22	•	•	_	22	370
Zinfandel	3				3	
Red Winegrapes Total	6,532	31	33	11	6,607	0%

Source: Vinehealth Australia

### Current plantings by variety and year planted – whites and others

	Area (hectares)					
Variety	Pre-2022	2022	2023	2024	Total area (Ha)	% planted in 2024
White Winegrapes					(-10.)	
Chardonnay	236			2	238	1%
Chenin Blanc	13	1		1	15	7%
Fiano	48	16	11	1	76	1%
Grenache Blanc	3		1	3	7	43%
Grenache Gris	2			1	2	50%
Muscat A Petit Grains Blanc (White Frontignac)	9				9	
Other White	30	2	3	2	36	6%
Pinot Gris	24				24	
Riesling	26				26	
Roussanne	12	0	0		12	
Sauvignon Blanc	34				34	
Semillon	15				15	
Verdelho	13				13	
Vermentino	5		1		7	
Viognier	44				44	
White Winegrapes Total	514	19	16	10	559	2%
Multi-purpose white	0				0	
Rootstock	4				4	
Table red	0				0	
Unknown variety	165				165	
Grand Total	7,216	50	49	20	7,335	0%

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 reported to have been 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 in 2025 is 92 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, leased or associated vineyards ("own grown") and fruit purchased from other grape producers ("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 receival – 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 2025).

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 (price dispersion), differences in quality or variables that go into individual contracts.

### Price dispersion data

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 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 2025 and include all plantings from the 2024–25 planting season.
- Reference to "other varieties" includes rootstock, multi-purpose and tablegrape 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 top-worked, 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.
- Zeros (0) in the planting tables indicate a planting of less than 0.5 ha.
- The totals by year planted may not align with the total areas, as new plantings without a year are not captured.
- Rounding of individual variety areas may produce slight discrepancies in total areas in the planting tables.



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