

Yield by Wine Growing Area

Total planted area increased as did the bearing area, indicating confidence in the Tasmanian wine sector.

Area	Bearing Area (Hectares)	Yield (Tonnes)
Tamar Valley	503	3,362
East Coast	292	1,035
North East	282	1,209
Coal River Valley	238	1,064
Derwent Valley	91	445
Huon & Channel	71	148
North West	21	101
Total	1,498	7,366

Regional differences are not particularly different from the previous year, with the East Coast again showing as the fastest growing region.

Sparkling production

Slightly less sparkling wine fruit was made into sparkling wine in 2012. Sparkling wine production from 2011 was most likely under reported, as the survey returns indicated a slight decrease from 2011 to 2012. This was likely due to early harvest as a risk management strategy in a cool and wet 2011 vintage. The drier, warmer 2012 vintage allowed greater flexibility in harvest and end-use decisions.

Variety	Total Tonnes	Sparkling Tonnes	(%)
Pinot Noir	3,145	1,607	51.1
Chardonnay	1,839	1,548	84.2
Total (including other varieties)	7,366	3,270	44.4

Value & Demand

The 2012 Winegrape Price Dispersion Report emphasises both the quality and consistent demand for Tasmanian fruit, with highlights including the following:

Variety	Highest Average Price - Tasmania	Percentage of Fruit - Tasmania	Comparative Results - Other Regions
Pinot Noir	\$2,520	100%	Yarra Valley - 18% of fruit sold at average of \$2,499
Chardonnay	\$2,381	97%	Mornington Peninsula - 71% of fruit sold at average of \$2,245
Pinot Gris	\$2,244	100%	Mornington Peninsula - 72% of fruit sold at average price of \$2,118

Historical Production

Vintage	Bearing Area (Ha)	Tonnes
1986	47	154
1994	283	1,116
1995	318	2,154
1996	322	1,874
1997	369	1,448
1998	445	3,113
1999	463	3,199
2000	507	3,263
2001	618	4,645
2002	712	2,496
2003	978	6,390
2004	1,048	7,861
2005	981	6,136
2006	999	5,571
2007	1,196	5,058
2008	1,224	10,745
2009	1,371	6,239
2010	1,388	7,388
2011	1,392	7,791
2012	1,498	7,366

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Overview

Quality from the 2012 Tasmanian vintage will be very high, with a 6% reduction in yield to a total of 7,366 tonnes.

Tasmanian vineyards produced clean fruit at low to moderate Baume with high natural acidity, exhibiting excellent varietal characteristics.

The growing season leading to the 2012 vintage was highlighted by a gradual warming trend. Generally cool weather was more than balanced by several bouts of warm to very warm weather. Rainfall tended to be slightly lower than average, especially during vintage. Frost in some regions early in the season reduced crops on some vineyards.

Harvest commenced earlier than normal due to the warmer, drier weather. The fruit then seemed to come in a rush, with most vineyards finished or nearly so by the end of April.

Whilst bunch numbers were no less than previous seasons the bunch sizes were smaller. This contributed to a 6% reduction in the 2012 harvest. Disease pressure was substantially less than that experienced in 2011, and vineyards were able to harvest clean fruit.



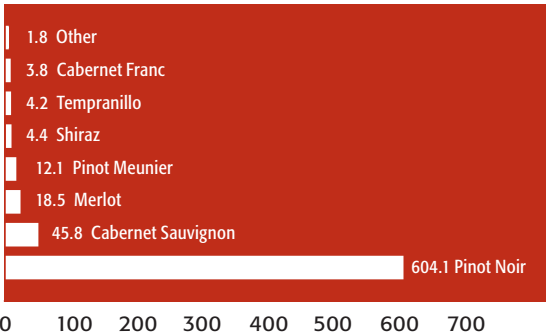
Note: These figures are based on survey responses received and calculated against previous figures collected by the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water & Environment, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Wine Tasmania.

Areas & Yield by Variety

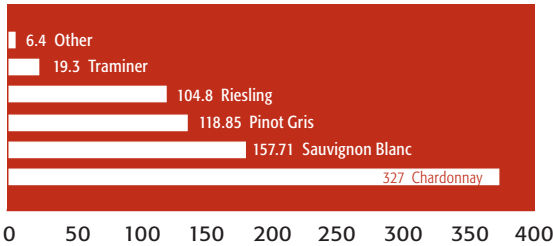
Variety	Bearing Area (Hectares)	Non Bearing Area (Hectares)	Yield (tonnes)
Pinot Noir	604	68	3,145
Chardonnay	327	16	1,839
Sauvignon Blanc	158	8	797
Riesling	120	1	676
Pinot Gris	105	1	522
Cabernet Sauvignon	46	0	206
Merlot	19	0	64
Traminer	19	1	25
Total (including minor varieties)	1,498	96	7,366

Pinot Noir as the dominant variety has the highest rate of increased planting. This reflects its versatility of use in both table and sparkling wines. Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc are also varieties of growth.

2012 Bearing Area - Red Varieties



2012 Bearing Area - White Varieties



Tasmania's Wine Growing Areas

There are seven recognised wine growing areas in Tasmania, with significant variations in climate and soil conditions enhancing the varietal characters of the state's wines. The areas are: North West, North East (Pipers River), Tamar Valley, East Coast, Derwent Valley, Coal River Valley and the Huon/Channel in the south.

Wine Regions of Tasmania

