



# WINE GRAPE RELEASE

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## 2011 WASHINGTON WINE GRAPE PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT WHITE RIESLING DOWN 5 PERCENT; CABERNET SAUVIGNON DOWN 28 PERCENT

Washington's 2011 wine grape production totaled 142,000 tons, down 11 percent from 2010. Overall, production of red varieties was down 20 percent from last year compared to a 2 percent decrease in the production of white varieties. Of the top four producing varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon showed the largest decrease, a drop of 28 percent from 2010. Growers received an average of \$987 per ton for all varieties in 2011, down \$53 from last year and \$2 lower than 2009. Of all the major varieties, Malbec received the highest price per ton at \$1,413.

Due to the reduced output of red varieties in 2011, production of white varieties accounted for a larger percentage of the total. Production of white varieties was 55 percent of the total compared to 50 percent during 2010. White Riesling was the top producing variety grown in the State at 31,700 tons or 22 percent of the total. Chardonnay ranked second, at 28,500 tons or 20 percent of the total. In third place was Cabernet Sauvignon with 23,100 tons or 16 percent of the total. Merlot ranked fourth with 21,900 tons or 15 percent of the total. The average White Riesling price per ton decreased \$5 from last year to \$784 and the average Chardonnay price was down \$96 from 2010 to \$803. Growers received an average of \$1,312 for Cabernet Sauvignon, \$15 more than 2010. The average Merlot price per ton decreased \$43 from last year to \$1,117.

It should be noted that the 2011 average of \$987 per ton for all wine grapes is preliminary and is subject to revision in July 2012.

### WASHINGTON WINE GRAPES BY VARIETY, 2007-2011

Variety by Color	Quantity Utilized					Average Price				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Tons					Dollars Per Ton				
Chardonnay	26,700	28,000	33,400	28,600	28,500	808	883	857	899	803
White Riesling	26,000	28,500	32,100	33,500	31,700	744	812	781	789	784
Pinot Gris	2,600	4,100	6,300	6,100	7,500	871	879	792	765	765
Sauvignon Blanc	4,200	5,100	4,300	4,800	4,300	784	771	799	843	824
Gewurztraminer	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,100	2,900	758	720	672	688	740
Viognier	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,500	1,100	957	1,007	989	890	943
Semillon	900	1,200	1,200	800	800	719	747	839	761	858
Chenin Blanc	1,100	1,200	1,100	700	800	2/	705	638	688	746
Other 3/	900	1,400	1,300	1,000	700	2/	913	1,018	1,060	989
<b>TOTAL White Varieties</b>	<b>67,700</b>	<b>74,800</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>80,100</b>	<b>78,300</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>794</b>
Cabernet Sauvignon	21,800	26,100	27,600	31,900	23,100	1,225	1,306	1,276	1,297	1,312
Merlot	21,300	25,400	24,800	28,300	21,900	1,053	1,126	1,088	1,160	1,117
Syrah	9,300	10,700	10,000	10,900	10,100	1,099	1,149	1,152	1,199	1,133
Cabernet Franc	2,700	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500	1,205	1,246	1,271	1,325	1,342
Malbec	700	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,300	1,432	1,655	1,473	1,540	1,413
Sangiovese	700	800	900	800	600	1,566	1,481	1,302	1,291	1,350
Pinot Noir	800	800	800	900	700	617	1,233	870	740	868
Others 4/	2,000	2,900	3,300	3,500	3,500	1,428	1,454	1,468	1,476	1,470
<b>TOTAL Red Varieties</b>	<b>59,300</b>	<b>70,200</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>79,900</b>	<b>63,700</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,224</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>127,000</b>	<b>145,000</b>	<b>156,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>987</b>

1/ Included in Other.

2/ Insufficient data for publication. Included in Total White Varieties.

3/ Includes Mueller-Thurgau, Madeline Angevine, Siegerrebe, Rousanne, Muscat Ottonel, Orange Muscat, etc.

4/ Includes Pink Varieties, Grenache, Zinfandel, Barbera, Petit Verdot, Nebbiolo, Mouvedre, Petit Syrah, etc.