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Australia 2016 Vintage report: Industry 'cautiously optimistic' as wine grape prices increase

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Australia’s wine sector recorded increases in the average purchase price of wine grapes and its overall crush this year, according to the Vintage Report 2016 released yesterday at the 16th Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference.

The report, released by Wine Australia, the Winemakers’ Federation of Australia and Wine Grape Growers Australia, showed an increase of six per cent in the national crush to an estimated 1.81 million tonnes.

The report also found:
- The average price paid for wine grapes grew by 14 per cent to $526 per tonne across Australia, the highest average price since 2009.
- The increase in the weighted average purchase price was supported by an increase in the amount of fruit sold in the top graded categories of above $1500 per tonne.
- Wine exports grew to $2.11 billion and the strongest growth has been in wines of $10 or more per litre FOB.
- The amount of premium fruit sold for more than $1500 per tonne increased to account for seven per cent of the total crush this year.
- Premium Shiraz in the top graded categories of more than $1500 per tonne rose to 13 per cent of the variety’s total crush and the national average price per tonne for Shiraz increased by 14 per cent.
- Premium Cabernet Sauvignon in the top categories grew to nine per cent of the variety’s crush and its national average price increased by 17 per cent.
- Overall, the average price paid for red wine grapes increased 13 per cent to $651 per tonne and white wine grapes grew 12 per cent to $398.

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Wrath of CRAV wine ‘commandos’ stokes tension in south of France
Anger over cheap Spanish wine imports in southern France is in danger of getting out of control, says a local union leader who criticised this week's arson attack on a leading wine company in Languedoc.

Union chief Frédéric Rouanet warned that there could be more attacks by the French wine commando group CRAV in Languedoc-Roussillon as tension rises over a perceived influx of Spanish wine.

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