

# Wine Industry Information

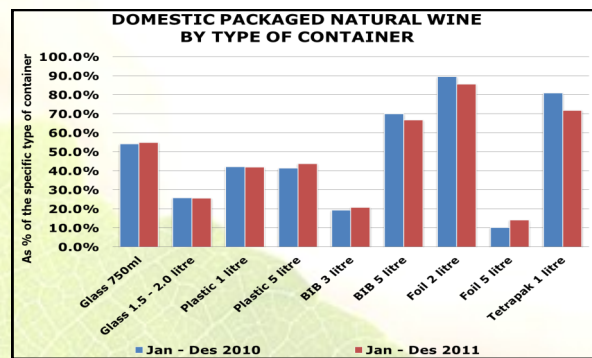
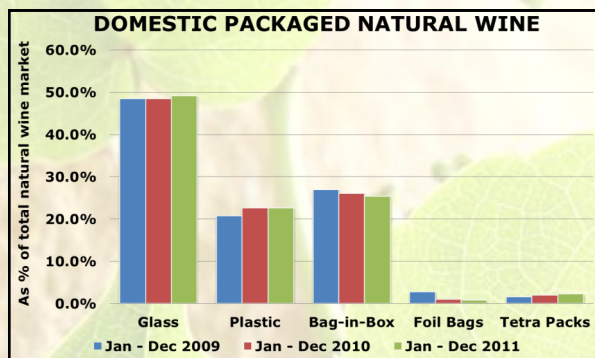
May 2012

Domestic natural wine sales increased by 3.9% for the period April 2011 to March 2012. The overall year-on-year export trend changed slightly. Exports of natural wine in bulk increased and exports of packaged natural wine decreased with 23.8% and 12.2% respectively for the period May 2011 to April 2012; overall an increase of 3.6%.

## Crop estimate

The 2012 wine grape crop should amount to 1 405 845 tons, according to the crop estimate by the industry (producer cellars) on 30 April 2012. This is about 7.6% more than the 2011 crop. It is expected that the 2012 wine harvest, including juice and concentrate for non-alcoholic purposes, wine for brandy and distilling wine, will amount to 1 085.2 million litres at an average recovery of 772 litres per ton of grapes (see [2012 Grape and Wine Crop](#) and [Harvest & Sales Estimate](#)).

This is the first time that SAWIS has been confronted with such a major deviation between crop estimations. This deviation is due to a conservative visual estimate, extraordinary production and a long press season.



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- [Domestic sales of natural wine for March 2012](#)
- [Price ranges of bulk wine sold locally according to region and vintage for the period April 2011 to March 2012](#)
- [Price ranges of bulk wine exported by producer and private cellars according to region for the period April 2011 to March 2012](#)
- [Export statistics for the period May 2011 to April 2012](#)
- [Domestic packaged natural wine January to March 2012](#)
- [Information about certification](#)
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Greetings until June 2012.

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