

2018 Grape Production Report - Preliminary

2018 Washington wine grape production totaled 261,000 tons, a 14% increase from 2017

- Cabernet Sauvignon was the top producing variety grown in the state at 74,400 tons or 29% of the total. Chardonnay was ranked second, at 41,500 tons or 16% of the total.
- Red varieties accounted for 59% of the total production, the same as 2017.
- The top 3 red wines crushed, representing nearly 90% of red wines, grew 10% (compound annual growth rate) over the last 5 years, with a record-breaking year for both Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.
- Growers received an average of \$1,213 per ton for all varieties in 2018, an increase of \$7 from the previous year.
- Of all the published varieties, Petit Verdot received the highest average price per ton at \$1,675.

| | Quantity Utilized | | | | | Average Price per Ton | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (tons) | (dollars) | (dollars) | (dollars) | (dollars) | (dollars |
| White Varieties | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chardonnay | 43,800 | 42,000 | 45,000 | 39,600 | 41,500 | 922 | 926 | 940 | 943 | 93 |
| White Riesling | 50,500 | 44,100 | 41,300 | 33,200 | 38,300 | 799 | 760 | 829 | 805 | 80 |
| Pinot Gris | 9,100 | 9,000 | 8,700 | 9,700 | 10,200 | 799 | 796 | 791 | 789 | 77 |
| Sauvignon Blanc | 6,900 | 6,700 | 9,800 | 8,100 | 10,100 | 886 | 905 | 914 | 942 | 93 |
| Gewurztraminer | 3,600 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,000 | 2,300 | 737 | 754 | 740 | 738 | 69 |
| Viognier | 1,900 | 1,600 | 1,900 | 1,600 | 1,800 | 946 | 917 | 874 | 998 | 1,00 |
| Semillon | 1,000 | 900 | 1,000 | 700 | 545 | 967 | 1,082 | 1,054 | 1,075 | 1,13 |
| Chenin Blanc | 800 | 500 | 450 | 400 | 380 | 835 | 864 | 878 | 840 | 1,00 |
| Other white varieties | 1,700 | 1,800 | 1,950 | 1,900 | 2,475 | 1,050 | 992 | 955 | 1,035 | 1,05 |
| Total White Varieties | 119,300 | 109,200 | 112,700 | 97,200 | 107,600 | 856 | 844 | 883 | 877 | 87 |
| Red Varieties | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabernet Sauvignon | 42,200 | 47,400 | 71,100 | 62,800 | 74,400 | 1,448 | 1,527 | 1,442 | 1,536 | 1,50 |
| Merlot | 36,900 | 35,200 | 48,400 | 33,000 | 37,500 | 1,180 | 1,231 | 1,174 | 1,258 | 1,34 |
| Syrah | 15,400 | 16,000 | 21,300 | 21,000 | 24,300 | 1,279 | 1,314 | 1,155 | 1,299 | 1,18 |
| Cabernet Franc | 3,300 | 3,400 | 4,300 | 3,500 | 4,100 | 1,503 | 1,486 | 1,576 | 1,577 | 1,61 |
| Malbec | 2,200 | 2,400 | 2,700 | 2,900 | 3,900 | 1,554 | 1,578 | 1,587 | 1,615 | 1,50 |
| Sangiovese | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 1,700 | 1,320 | 1,175 | 1,201 | 1,205 | 1,00 |
| Grenache Noir | 900 | 1,100 | 1,700 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,674 | 1,722 | 1,393 | 1,489 | 1,39 |
| Petit Verdot | 1,200 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 1,200 | 1,400 | 1,513 | 1,456 | 1,482 | 1,709 | 1,67 |
| Pinot Noir | 1,200 | 1,600 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 1,100 | 1,165 | 1,069 | 1,045 | 985 | 1,04 |
| Mourvedre | 900 | 800 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,200 | 1,511 | 1,649 | 1,394 | 1,603 | 1,53 |
| Other red varieties | 2,200 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,000 | 2,400 | 1,491 | 1,414 | 1,537 | 1,637 | 1,62 |
| Total Red Varieties | 107,700 | 112,800 | 157,300 | 131,800 | 153,400 | 1,336 | 1,394 | 1,319 | 1,423 | 1,41 |
| All Varieties | 227,000 | 222,000 | 270,000 | 229,000 | 261,000 | 1,110 | 1,145 | 1,157 | 1,206 | 1,21 |

About This Report: This report is prepared from information provided by wineries to the Washington State Wine Commission as part of the Annual Grape Report crush survey.