California Preliminary Grape Crush Report

SACRAMENTO, CA – February 10, 2020 – The 2019 crush totaled 4,085,772 tons, down 9.3 percent from the 2018 crush of 4,506,010 tons. Red wine varieties accounted for the largest share of all grapes crushed, at 2,135,112 tons, down 12.8 percent from 2018. The 2019 white wine variety crush totaled 1,755,141 tons, down 4.3 percent from 2018. Tons crushed of raisin type varieties totaled 61,051, down 26.0 percent from 2018, and tons crushed of table type varieties totaled 134,468 down 5.6 percent from 2018.

The 2019 average price of all varieties was $790.43, down 5.0 percent from 2018. Average prices for the 2019 crop by type were as follows: red wine grapes, $990.07, down 2.9 percent from 2018; white wine grapes, $580.66, down 8.6 percent from 2018; table grapes, $262.60, up 36.8 percent; and raisin grapes, $244.88, down 19.0 percent.
In 2019, Chardonnay continued to account for the largest percentage of the total crush volume with 15.6 percent. Cabernet Sauvignon accounted for the second leading percentage of crush with 14.1 percent. Thompson Seedless, the leading raisin grape variety crushed for 2019, held only 1.1 percent of the total crush.

**Leading Grape Varieties Crushed in California**

Percent of Total 2019 Crush

- Chardonnay: 15.6%
- Cabernet Sauvignon: 14.1%
- Zinfandel: 8.4%
- Merlot: 5.4%
- Muscat of Alexandria: 4.8%
- Other Varieties: 25.2%
- Pinot Noir: 6.4%
- Pinot Gris: 6.0%
- Raisin: 6.2%
- *Percentages may not add to 100%, due to rounding.*

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pacific Regional Office
District 13, (Madera, Fresno, Alpine, Mono, Inyo Counties; and Kings and Tulare Counties north of Nevada Avenue (Avenue 192)), had the largest share of the State’s crush, at 1,307,233 tons. The average price per ton in District 13 was $300.60.

Grapes produced in District 4 (Napa County) received the highest average price of $5,797.07 per ton, up 3.9 percent from 2018. District 3 (Sonoma and Marin counties) received the second highest return of $2,823.67, up 0.2 percent from 2018. The 2019 Chardonnay price of $899.83 was down 7.3 percent from 2018, and the Cabernet Sauvignon price of $1,720.61 was up 2.2 percent from 2018. The 2019 average price for Zinfandel was $564.74, down 5.8 percent from 2018, while the French Colombard average price was down 5.0 percent from 2018 at $275.89 per ton.

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