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2012 WASHINGTON WINE GRAPE PRODUCTION UP 32 PERCENT CHARDONNAY UP 29 PERCENT; CABERNET SAUVIGNON UP 55 PERCENT

Washington's 2012 wine grape production totaled 188,000 tons, up 32 percent from 2011. Overall, production of red varieties was up 48 percent from last year compared to a 19 percent increase in the production of white varieties. Of the top four producing varieties, Merlot showed the largest increase, up 58 percent from 2011. Growers received an average of \$1,040 per ton for all varieties in 2012, up \$53 from last year and equal to the price received in 2010. Of all the published varieties, Petit Verdot received the highest price per ton at \$1,585. White varieties in 2011 accounted for 55 percent of total production and decreased to 50 percent of the total in 2012. The lower output of red varieties in 2011 compared to white varieties was due to adverse weather conditions. Chardonnay was the top producing variety grown in the State at 36,900 tons or 20 percent of the total. White Riesling was a close second, at 36,700 tons, just under 20 percent of the total. In third place was Cabernet Sauvignon with 35,900 tons or 19 percent of the total. Merlot ranked fourth with 34,600 tons or 18 percent of the total. The average Chardonnay price increased \$101 per ton from last year to \$904 and the average White Riesling price was down \$1 per ton from 2011 to \$783. Growers received an average of \$1,337 per ton for Cabernet Sauvignon, \$25 more than 2011. The average Merlot price per ton decreased \$13 per ton from last year to \$1,104.

It should be noted that the 2012 average of \$1,040 per ton for all wine grapes is preliminary and is subject to revision in July 2013.

WASHINGTON WINE GRAPES BY VARIETY, 2008-2012

Variety by Color	Quantity Utilized					Average Price				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Tons					Dollars Per Ton				
Chardonnay	28,000	33,400	28,600	28,500	36,900	883	857	899	803	904
White Riesling	28,500	32,100	33,500	31,700	36,700	812	781	789	784	783
Pinot Gris	4,100	6,300	6,100	7,500	6,400	879	792	765	765	791
Sauvignon Blanc	5,100	4,300	4,800	4,300	5,100	771	799	843	824	852
Gewurztraminer	4,000	4,000	3,100	2,900	3,500	720	672	688	740	736
Viognier	1,300	1,300	1,500	1,100	1,900	1,007	989	890	943	1,024
Semillon	1,200	1,200	800	800	1,000	747	839	761	858	951
Chenin Blanc	1,200	1,100	700	800	900	705	638	688	746	782
Other 1/	1,400	1,300	1,000	700	1,100	913	1,018	1,060	989	1,116
TOTAL White Varieties	74,800	85,000	80,100	78,300	93,500	837	813	830	794	844
Cabernet Sauvignon	26,100	27,600	31,900	23,100	35,900	1,306	1,276	1,297	1,312	1,337
Merlot	25,400	24,800	28,300	21,900	34,600	1,126	1,088	1,160	1,117	1,104
Syrah	10,700	10,000	10,900	10,100	11,800	1,149	1,152	1,199	1,133	1,134
Cabernet Franc	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500	3,400	1,246	1,271	1,325	1,342	1,442
Malbec	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,300	1,800	1,655	1,473	1,540	1,413	1,474
Sangiovese	800	900	800	600	1,200	1,481	1,302	1,291	1,350	1,222
Grenache 3/	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,555
Petit Verdot 3/	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,585
Mourvedre 3/	-	-	-	-	800	-	-	-	-	1,409
Pinot Noir	800	800	900	700	800	1,233	870	740	868	894
Others 2/	2,900	3,300	3,500	3,500	2,200	1,454	1,468	1,476	1,470	1,428
TOTAL Red Varieties	70,200	71,000	79,900	63,700	94,500	1,227	1,200	1,241	1,224	1,235
STATE TOTAL	145,000	156,000	160,000	142,000	188,000	1,030	989	1,040	987	1,040

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

2/ Includes Pink Varieties, Zinfandel, Lemberger, Barbera, Nebbiolo, Petit Syrah, Tempranillo, etc.

3/ Included in Other Red Varieties from 2008-2011.