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2015 Washington Wine Grape Utilized Production Down 2 Percent Average Price per Ton Up 35 Dollars From Previous Year

Washington's 2015 wine grape production totaled 222,000 tons, down 2 percent from 2014. Overall, production of red varieties was up 5 percent from last year compared to an 8 percent decrease in the production of white varieties. Of the top four producing varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon showed the largest increase, up 12 percent from 2014. Growers received an average of \$1,145 per ton for all varieties in 2015, up \$35 from the previous year. Of all the published varieties, Grenache received the highest price per ton at \$1,722. Red varieties in 2015 accounted for 51 percent of the total production, compared to 47 percent in 2014. Cabernet Sauvignon was the top producing variety grown in the State at 47,400 tons or 21 percent of the total. White Riesling was ranked second, at 44,100 tons or 20 percent of the total. Next was Chardonnay with 42,000 tons or 19 percent of the total. Merlot ranked fourth with 35,200 tons or 16 percent of the total. The average Cabernet Sauvignon price increased \$79 per ton from last year to \$1,527 and the average Merlot price per ton increased \$51 per ton from last year to \$1,231. The average Chardonnay price was up \$4 per ton from 2014 to \$926. Growers received an average of \$760 per ton for White Riesling, \$39 less than 2014.

It should be noted that the 2015 production and price for all wine grapes is preliminary and is subject to revision in July 2016.

Wine Grape Quantity Utilized and Average Price by Variety — Washington: 2011-2015

	Quantity utilized					Average price per ton				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
White varieties										
White Riesling	31,700	36,700	40,200	50,500	44,100	784	783	796	799	760
Chardonnay	28,500	36,900	40,500	43,800	42,000	803	904	916	922	926
Pinot Gris	7,500	6,400	8,000	9,100	9,000	765	791	802	799	796
Sauvignon Blanc	4,300	5,100	5,700	6,900	6,700	824	852	884	886	905
Gewurztraminer	2,900	3,500	3,300	3,600	2,600	740	736	757	737	754
Viognier	1,100	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,600	943	1,024	961	946	917
Semillon	800	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	858	951	1,003	967	1,082
Chenin Blanc	800	900	1,300	800	500	746	782	773	835	864
Other white varieties	700	1,100	1,300	1,700	1,800	989	1,116	1,069	1,050	992
Total white varieties	78,300	93,500	103,200	119,300	109,200	794	844	852	856	844
Red varieties										
Cabernet Sauvignon	23,100	35,900	42,600	42,200	47,400	1,312	1,337	1,440	1,448	1,527
Merlot	21,900	34,600	36,000	36,900	35,200	1,117	1,104	1,186	1,180	1,231
Syrah	10,100	11,800	15,300	15,400	16,000	1,133	1,134	1,292	1,279	1,314
Cabernet Franc	2,500	3,400	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,342	1,442	1,485	1,503	1,486
Malbec	1,300	1,800	2,000	2,200	2,400	1,413	1,474	1,570	1,554	1,578
Pinot Noir	700	800	900	1,200	1,600	868	894	1,000	1,165	1,069
Sangiovese	600	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,350	1,222	1,258	1,320	1,175
Petit Verdot	(¹)	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,300	(¹)	1,585	1,592	1,513	1,456
Grenache Noir	(¹)	1,000	900	900	1,100	(¹)	1,555	1,889	1,674	1,722
Mourvedre	(¹)	800	800	900	800	(¹)	1,409	1,673	1,511	1,649
Other red varieties	3,500	2,200	2,400	2,200	2,300	1,470	1,428	1,492	1,491	1,414
Total red varieties	63,700	94,500	106,800	107,700	112,800	1,224	1,235	1,339	1,336	1,394
All varieties	142,000	188,000	210,000	227,000	222,000	987	1,040	1,110	1,110	1,145

¹ Included in the other red category in 2011.

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