



Grape Release

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2008 WASHINGTON WINE GRAPE PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT CABERNET SAUVIGNON UP 20 PERCENT; WHITE RIESLING UP 10 PERCENT



Washington's 2008 wine grape production totaled 145,000 tons, a record high level, and is up 14 percent from 2007 and 21 percent above 2006. Of the top four varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon showed the largest increase and was up 20 percent from last year. White Riesling overtook Chardonnay as the top variety this year, increasing to 28,500 tons compared to Chardonnay's 28,000 tons. Growers received a record high average of \$1,030 per ton for all varieties in 2008, up \$76.00 from 2007.

Of the total wine grapes produced, 52 percent were white and 48 percent were red varieties. The top four major varieties accounted for 74 percent of the total state production. White Riesling was the top variety grown in the state at 28,500 tons or 20 percent of the total state production. Chardonnay ranked second, at 28,000 tons, with 19 percent of the total. In third place was Cabernet Sauvignon with 26,100 tons, or 18 percent of the total. Merlot ranked fourth with 25,400 tons or 18 percent of the total. The average White Riesling price per ton increased \$68.00 per ton from last year to \$812.00 and the average Chardonnay price per ton was up \$75.00 from last year to \$883.00. Growers received an average of \$1,306.00 per ton for Cabernet Sauvignon, \$81.00 per ton more than 2007. The average Merlot price per ton increased \$73.00 to \$1,126.00.

It should be noted that the \$1,030.00 per ton for 2008 used to compute the value of production for wine grapes is preliminary and is subject to revision in July 2009.

WASHINGTON WINE GRAPES BY VARIETY, 2004-2008

Variety by Color	Quantity Utilized					Average Price				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Tons					Dollars Per Ton				
White Riesling	16,500	18,800	23,800	26,000	28,500	713	715	716	744	812
Chardonnay	28,400	26,000	28,600	26,700	28,000	825	755	783	808	883
Sauvignon Blanc	2,800	3,900	4,300	4,200	5,100	769	751	764	784	771
Pinot Gris	1,700	1,600	2,100	2,600	4,100	825	846	861	871	879
Gewurztraminer	3,000	3,700	4,000	4,100	4,000	689	703	715	758	720
Viognier	1,200	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,300	946	975	985	957	1,007
Chenin Blanc	700	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,200	535	603	622	2/	705
Semillon	1,100	1,100	900	900	1,200	574	622	712	719	747
Other 3/	600	800	800	900	1,400	843	736	894	2/	913
TOTAL White Varieties	56,000	57,900	66,700	67,700	74,800	776	741	757	784	837
Cabernet Sauvignon	18,900	17,800	20,000	21,800	26,100	1,168	1,217	1,261	1,225	1,306
Merlot	20,400	20,500	19,100	21,300	25,400	1,011	1,027	1,098	1,053	1,126
Syrah	5,900	7,900	8,200	9,300	10,700	1,154	1,157	1,152	1,099	1,149
Cabernet Franc	2,800	2,300	2,400	2,700	2,500	1,081	1,240	1,243	1,205	1,246
Malbec	1/	1/	1/	700	1,000	1/	1/	1/	1,432	1,655
Pinot Noir	1,200	900	900	800	800	589	980	921	617	1,233
Sangiovese	500	600	700	700	800	1,434	1,341	1,349	1,566	1,481
Lemberger	450	200	1/	1/	1/	766	622	1/	1/	1/
Others 4/	850	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,900	1,468	1,490	1,468	1,428	1,454
TOTAL Red Varieties	51,000	52,100	53,300	59,300	70,200	1,089	1,137	1,188	1,148	1,227
STATE TOTAL	107,000	110,000	120,000	127,000	145,000	925	930	948	954	1,030

1/ Included in Other.

2/ Insufficient data for publication. Included in Total White Varieties.

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

4/ Includes Pink Varieties, Grenache, Zinfandel, Barbera, Petit Verdot, Nebbiolo, Mouvedre, Petit Syrah, etc.

Grapes: Bearing Acreage, Production, Utilization & Value, 2006-2008

State and Crop	Bearing Acreage			Utilized Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Acres			Tons		
Arizona	300	250	250	900	900	800
Arkansas	700	750	700	2,200	500	1,700
California						
All Types	797,000	789,000	789,000	5,726,000	6,230,000	6,658,000
Wine	480,000	480,000	480,000	3,176,000	3,288,000	3,400,000
Table 1/ Raisin 1/	83,000	82,000	82,000	717,000	791,000	867,000
Georgia	234,000	227,000	227,000	1,833,000	2,151,000	2,391,000
Michigan	1,100	1,200	1,200	2,900	2,900	3,500
Missouri	14,200	14,100	14,200	27,500	100,100	73,700
New York	1,300	1,400	1,500	4,170	2,500	5,200
North Carolina	36,000	37,000	37,000	153,000	180,000	172,000
Ohio	1,500	1,700	1,700	4,800	3,650	5,600
Oregon	2,100	1,900	1,900	3,100	7,600	5,350
Pennsylvania	12,600	13,800	14,500	34,400	38,600	40,600
Texas	13,300	13,600	13,600	82,000	84,000	94,200
Virginia	2,900	2,900	2,500	3,200	4,100	4,000
Washington	2,100	2,400	2,500	6,000	5,400	6,550
All Types	55,500	56,500	58,000	316,000	376,000	350,000
Wine	29,500	30,500	32,000	120,000	127,000	145,000
Juice	26,000	26,000	26,000	196,000	249,000	205,000
United States	940,600	936,500	938,550	6,366,170	7,036,250	7,421,200
	Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Arizona 2/	832		775	749		620
Arkansas 2/	621		1,080	1,366		1,844
California:						
All Types	524	494	437	2,999,958	3,075,614	2,912,209
Wine	582	564	564	1,848,288	1,855,120	1,918,400
Table 1/ Raisin 1/	898	787	423	643,777	622,894	366,704
Georgia	277	278	262	507,893	597,600	627,105
Michigan	1,270	1,200	1,130	3,690	3,477	3,950
Missouri	336	286	364	9,242	28,605	26,794
New York	698	932	962	2,912	2,331	5,001
North Carolina	261	299	339	39,946	53,843	58,354
Ohio	1,030	1,270	1,170	4,960	4,630	6,563
Oregon	608	390	356	1,885	2,962	1,902
Pennsylvania	1,750	1,880	2,000	60,200	72,568	81,200
Texas	247	270	292	20,280	22,707	27,477
Virginia	1,200	1,160	1,200	3,855	4,751	4,804
Washington	1,440	1,400	1,500	8,640	7,560	9,825
All Types	465	457	575	146,948	171,705	201,215
Wine	942	954	1,030	113,040	121,158	149,350
Juice	173	203	253	33,908	50,547	51,865
Other States		787			1,102	
United States	519	491	450	3,304,631	3,451,855	3,341,758

1/ Fresh equivalent of dried and not dried.

2/ Missing estimates included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

GRAPES: FRESH AND PROCESSED UTILIZATION, 2006-2008

State and Crop	Quantity			Price Per Ton			Value of Utilized Production		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tons			Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
FRESH									
California									
All Types	792,000	913,000	969,000	986	870	517	781,242	794,026	500,954
Wine Types	40,000	40,000	40,000	500	500	500	20,000	20,000	20,000
Table Types	601,000	700,000	724,000	1,040	868	461	625,040	607,600	333,764
Raisin Types	151,000	173,000	205,000	902	962	718	136,202	166,426	147,190
Michigan	100	1,100	1,200	1,600	2,500	2,700	160	2,750	3,240
Missouri	70	60	70	600	1,040	1,080	42	62	76
New York	3,000	4,000	4,000	720	900	727	2,160	3,600	2,908
N. Carolina	200	250	350	1,800	2,200	2,250	360	550	788
Ohio	100	100	70	760	1,260	1,150	76	126	81
Pennsylvania	300	500	1,500	700	850	700	210	425	1,050
Texas	100	300	50	1,350	1,270	1,280	135	381	64
Other States	1,720	1,020	1,960	1,300	1,330	1,310	2,233	1,351	2,558
United States	797,590	920,330	978,200	986	873	523	786,618	803,271	511,719
PROCESSED									
California:									
All Types	4,934,000	5,317,000	5,689,000	450	429	424	2,218,716	2,281,588	2,411,255
Wine Types	3,136,000	3,248,000	3,360,000	583	565	565	1,828,288	1,835,120	1,898,400
Table Types	116,000	91,000	143,000	162	168	230	18,737	15,294	32,940
Raisin Types	1,682,000	1,978,000	2,186,000	221	218	220	371,691	431,174	479,915
Michigan	27,400	99,000	72,500	331	261	325	9,082	25,855	23,554
Missouri	4,100	2,440	5,130	700	930	960	2,870	2,269	4,925
New York	150,000	176,000	168,000	252	285	330	37,786	50,243	55,446
N. Carolina	4,600	3,400	5,250	1,000	1,200	1,100	4,600	4,080	5,775
Ohio	3,000	7,500	5,280	603	378	345	1,809	2,836	1,821
Oregon 1/	34,400	38,600	40,600	1,750	1,880	2,000	60,200	72,568	81,200
Pennsylvania	81,700	83,500	92,700	246	267	285	20,070	22,282	26,427
Texas	3,100	3,800	3,950	1,200	1,150	1,200	3,720	4,370	4,740
Virginia	6,000	5,400	6,550	1,440	1,400	1,500	8,640	7,560	9,825
Washington	316,000	376,000	350,000	465	457	575	146,948	171,705	201,215
Wine	120,000	127,000	145,000	942	954	1,030	113,040	121,158	149,350
Juice	196,000	249,000	205,000	173	203	253	33,908	50,547	51,865
Other States	4,280	3,280	4,040	835	984	954	3,572	3,228	3,856
United States	5,568,580	6,115,920	6,443,000	452	433	439	2,518,013	2,648,584	2,830,039

1/ Includes small quantities sold fresh.

CONCORD AND NIAGARA GRAPES, MAJOR STATES, 2006-2008

State	Concord Processed Utilization			Niagara Processed Utilization		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tons					
Michigan	15,350	61,000	45,800	8,100	33,500	22,000
New York	108,600	131,000	127,000	18,500	21,000	15,000
Ohio	1,600	5,800	4,400	200	500	190
Pennsylvania	71,400	71,500	81,500	5,000	5,600	6,200
Washington	175,000	226,000	188,000	21,000	23,000	17,000
Other States	920	172	430	-	-	-
United States	372,870	495,472	447,130	52,800	83,600	60,390

GRAPES: PROCESSED UTILIZATION, QUANTITY, AND PRICE, 2006-2008

Grape Use and State	Quantity			Price Per Ton		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tons			Dollars		
CANNED						
California:						
Raisin Types	21,000	21,000	25,000	303	314	323
United States	21,000	21,000	25,000	303	314	323
JUICE 1/ 2/						
Michigan	23,100	93,600	67,200	207	222	274
New York	112,000	135,000	123,000	221	227	262
Ohio	1,600	5,800	4,430	247	231	265
Pennsylvania	65,500	69,000	79,500	205	221	265
Washington	196,000	249,000	205,000	173	203	253
Other States 3/		1,000			747	
United States	398,200	553,400	479,130	194	216	260
WINE						
California:						
All Types	3,489,000	3,675,000	3,960,000	539	517	513
Wine Types	3,136,000	3,248,000	3,360,000	583	565	565
Table Types	86,000	63,000	100,000	137	138	225
Raisin Types	267,000	364,000	500,000	154	155	225
Michigan	4,300	5,400	5,300	1,000	940	970
Missouri	4,100	2,440	5,130	700	930	960
New York	38,000	41,000	45,000	343	478	516
North Carolina	4,600	3,400	5,250	1,000	1,200	1,100
Ohio	1,400	1,700	850	1,010	880	761
Oregon 2/	34,400	38,600	40,600	1,750	1,880	2,000
Pennsylvania	16,200	14,500	13,200	410	485	406
Texas	3,100	3,800	3,950	1,200	1,150	1,200
Virginia	6,000	5,400	6,550	1,440	1,400	1,500
Washington	120,000	127,000	145,000	942	954	1,030
Other States 3/	4,280	2,280	4,040	835	1,090	954
United States	3,725,380	3,920,520	4,234,870	564	548	550
DRIED (Fresh Basis)						
California:						
All Types	1,424,000	1,621,000	1,704,000	233	231	217
Table Types	30,000	28,000	43,000	232	236	243
Raisin Types	1,394,000	1,593,000	1,661,000	233	231	216
United States	1,424,000	1,621,000	1,704,000	233	231	217

1/ Includes small quantities of other processed (jam, jelly, etc.).

2/ Includes small quantities for other uses.

3/ Grapes processed for juice in 2006 and 2008 are included in Other States wine to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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