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WINE GRAPE PRICES.

21.12.72

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, announced that a new Prices Order had been gazetted today, providing for a 5% increase in the minimum prices for wine grapes for the 1973 vintage.

Mr. Dunstan said the increase of 5% would be on prices of all varieties in both the irrigated and non-irrigated areas. Resulting prices had been adjusted to cover the change to the metric ton (tonne). It amounted to an average increase of \$3.07 a ton in the irrigated area and \$4.20 in the non-irrigated area.

The Premier said that the Commissioner for Prices and Consumer Affairs (Mr. Baker) had carried out a detailed investigation into all aspects of the grapegrowing and winemaking industries.

The 5% increase would cover growers' cost increases since the last vintage.

Although wine sales had recovered to some extent from the impact of the excise duty imposed by the previous Commonwealth Government, stocks were high and with new plantings of grapes coming into bearing the possibility of surpluses remained a threat.

In spite of this, large areas still were being planted to vines and some restraint appeared to be necessary to prevent overproduction becoming a permanent feature of the industry.

Increases per ton and resulting prices per tonno for the various varieties are as follows:-

	Irrigated Areas		Non-Irrigated Areas	
	Increase Per Ton	Price per Tonne ex Vineyard 1973	Increase Per Ton	Price per Tonne delivered to Winery or Distillery 1973
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Albillo (Sherry)	-	-	3.78	78.00
Cabernet Gros	-	-	4.10	85.00
Cabernet Sauvignon	5.65	117.00	6.60	136.50
Chardonnay	3.30	68.00	4.05	83.50
Currant	2.85	59.00	-	-
Doradillo	2.85	59.00	3.33	69.00
Frontignan - red	3.52	73.00	4.05	83.50
Frontignan - white	3.78	78.00	4.45	92.00
Grenache - black	3.18	65.50	3.90	80.50
Grenache - white	2.85	59.00	-	-
Malbec	4.10	85.00	5.05	104.50
Mataro (False Morrastel)	3.18	65.50	3.90	80.50
Muscat Gordo Blanco	2.90	60.00	3.50	72.50
Ocellade (Cinsaut)	-	-	3.78	78.00
Palomino (Paulo, Listan, Sweetwater)	2.90	60.00	3.40	70.50
Pedro Ximenez	2.90	60.00	3.40	70.50
Portugal	-	-	3.85	79.50
Riesling - Clare	3.90	80.50	4.50	93.00
Riesling - Rhine	5.20	107.50	5.85	121.00
Rosaki (Malaga)	2.85	59.00	-	-
Sauvignon Blanc	5.20	107.50	5.85	121.00
Semillon (Madeira)	3.90	80.50	4.50	93.00
Sercial	-	-	3.50	72.50
Shiraz	4.30	89.00	5.30	109.50
Sultana	2.90	60.00	-	-
Tokay	-	-	5.00	103.50
Trebbiano (White Hermitage)	3.38	70.00	3.93	81.00
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