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# STATEMENT

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## WINE GRAPE PRICES

Increases in the minimum price of wine grapes paid to growers were today announced by the Commissioner of Prices and Consumer Affairs, Mr L.H. Baker.

The increases range from \$9.00 a tonne to \$68.50 a tonne. (Correspondents: schedule attached).

In the irrigated area the average increase over all varieties was \$10.80 per tonne or 16.5% and in the non-irrigated area the average increase was \$19.84 per tonne or 22.3%.

The lower priced varieties had been limited to a 15% increase. Larger increases had been approved for most higher priced sought after varieties.

With regard to pricing over the next few years, increasing emphasis would be placed on industry requirements for different varieties of grapes, Mr Baker said.

He added that the increases proposed would cover higher costs incurred by growers during the preceding 12 months.

Commenting on the increases the Premier, Mr Dunstan, said the pricing arrangements were a departure from those of previous years. They were aimed at encouraging a restructuring of the industry to make it more profitable for growers to cultivate premium quality grapes.

Overall, the increases were designed to compensate growers for increased costs and to provide them with a reasonable return.

Variety	IRRIGATED AREAS		NON-IRRIGATED AREAS	
	Increase Per Tonne	Price Per Tonne Ex Vineyard 1974	Increase Per Tonne	Price Per Tonne delivered to Winery or Distillery 1974
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Albillo (Sherry)	-	-	11.00	89.00
Cabernet Gros	-	-	12.00	97.00
Cabernet Sauvignon	47.00	164.00	68.50	205.00
Carignane	10.00	78.00	16.50	100.00
Currant	9.00	68.00	-	-
Doradillo	9.00	68.00	10.00	79.00
Frontignan - red	11.00	84.00	16.50	100.00
Frontignan - white	12.00	90.00	18.00	110.00
Grenache - black	10.50	76.00	16.50	97.00
Grenache - white	9.00	68.00	-	-
Malbec	21.00	106.00	31.50	136.00
Mataro (False Morrastel)	10.50	76.00	16.50	97.00
Muscat Gordo Blanco	9.00	69.00	10.50	83.00
Oeillade (Cinsaut)	-	-	16.00	94.00
Palomino (Paulo, Listan, Sweetwater)	9.00	69.00	10.50	81.00
Pedro Ximenez	9.00	69.00	10.50	81.00
Portugal	-	-	15.50	95.00
Riesling - Clare	11.50	92.00	18.00	111.00
Riesling - Rhine	26.50	134.00	36.00	157.00
Rosaki (Malaga)	9.00	68.00	-	-
Sauvignon Blanc	26.50	134.00	36.00	157.00
Semillon (Madeira)	11.50	92.00	18.00	111.00
Sercial	-	-	10.50	83.00
Shiraz	23.00	112.00	32.50	142.00
Sultana	9.00	69.00	-	-
Tokay	-	-	31.50	135.00
Trebbiano (White Hermitage)	10.00	80.00	12.00	93.00
Verdelho	-	-	18.00	106.00
	<u>Price Per Baume</u>		<u>Price Per Baume</u>	
Unsound grapes not suitable for Beverage Wine	0.60	4.80	0.60	4.80