

What is a Datalink?

A **Datalink** is an advanced method of bringing **Forecast Data** into **Castaway**. It's a live, dynamic link between a **data line** in **Castaway** and an external spreadsheet source or another **Castaway** file.

Create a Datalink

1. Click the **Manage Datalinks** Tab
2. Click the **Select File** button to choose your **Excel** file
3. Select the **Element** you want to link to.
4. Select the **Excel** cell range.
5. Click on the **+** symbol next to the corresponding variable to insert the link. The **-** symbol will remove a link

Note: The same method is used for **Forecast Datalinks**. Just **Click** on the **Data Sources** Dropdown arrow to switch to **Forecast Datalinks**.

CASTAWAY Samplers Wine Company

File Setup **Forecast** Reporting Window

Chart of Accounts

Profit and Loss

Local Wine Sales

Red Wine Sales - Local

White Wine Sales - Local

Sparkling Sales - Local

Sales Section Costs Section

Local Wine Costs

Red Wine - Local

White Wine - Local

Sparkling - Local

Sales Section Costs Section

Imported Wine Sales

Red Wine Sales - Imported

White Wine Sales - Imported

Sparkling Sales - Imported

Sales Section Costs Section

Imported Wine Costs

Red Wine - Imported

White Wine - Imported

Sparkling - Imported

International Freight

Sales Section Costs Section

Expenses

General & Admin

Manage Datalinks - Red Wine Sales - Local

Datalinks

What If (%) 100 Reset Calculate Account Number (Id)

Variable	Link Reference	Negate	Factor
SALES - Enter Sales Units	[\\Mac\Home\Documents\Castaway\Exports\Samplers Wine Company Profit & Loss (Projected)_06.xls] - Profit & Loss!\$B\$22:\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.00
SALES - Rate per Unit	<None>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-
SALES - Days Credit	<None>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-

	Opening	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019
SALES															
Enter Sales Units		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	600,000	0
Rate per Unit		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	15,000,000	0
Net Sales Revenue		2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000,000	0
Transfer Interest from Loan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Revenue (P&L)		2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000,000	0
INVOICES															
Net Invoices		2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,500,000	0
RECEIPTS															
Days Credit		14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Cash Receipts		1,466,667	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	2,750,000	1,283,333	0	0	0	0	0	16,500,000	0

Data Sources Select File Launch File

21 Imported Wine Sales [PL.SALES.SUBTOT.G1] 12.PLRV.SAL] 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 87,500 87,500

22 Red Wine Sales - Imported [SalesElem it.13.PLRV.SAL] 50,000 50,000 50,000 50,000 50,000 50,000 50,000 50,000

23 White Wine Sales - Imported [SalesElem it.14.PLRV.SAL] 60,000 60,000 60,000 60,000 120,000 120,000 120,000 60,000

24 Sparkling Sales - Imported [SalesElem it.15.PLRV.SAL] 210,000 210,000 210,000 210,000 270,000 270,000 257,500 197,500

25 Total Imported Wine Sales [PL.SALES.SUBTOT.G1] 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 87,500 87,500

26 Imported Wine Costs [PL.COSTS.SUBTOT.G1] 34,617 34,015 33,866 33,818 33,800 33,792 30,740 29,182 28,337 2

27 Red Wine - Imported [StockElement.15.P CO.STO] 17,778 17,778 17,778 17,778 17,778 17,778 17,778 17,778 1

28 White Wine - Imported [StockElement.16 CO.STO] 36,023 38,282 39,286 39,788 80,123 80,549 80,853 40,518 40,533 4

29 Sparkling - Imported [StockElement.17.P CO.STO] 4,421

30 International Freight [CostsElement.18.P CO.COS] 92,839

31 Total Imported Wine Costs [PL.COSTS.SUBTOT.G16]

Best practice

- ✓ Save your **Data-linked** file and your **Castaway** file in the same folder
- ✓ Allocate a tab in your **Excel** spreadsheet just for **Datalinks**
- ✗ Avoid renaming your **Data-linked** file