

VINTAGE 2018

The 2018 growing season was dry and warm and perfect for growing premium wine grapes.

The winter of 2017 started with a very dry June and below average rains in July and August.

Spring continued the theme with less than half the average long term rainfall, and finished with an unseasonably warm November. The vines loved the favourable weather, growing large, healthy canopies and setting good bunch numbers — ideal for optimal yields.

Vineyard operations focused on trimming to maintain a balanced canopy, and irrigation to ensurethe vines had adequate water and nutrients. Vintage started early February and progressed very smoothly and although it remained warm, cooler nights kept a lid on sugar accumulation so that ripening progression was close to perfect. 2018 promises to be a very good year, the whites have clear varietal definition and crisp fruit flavours, and the reds are bright and varietal, with concentration and depth.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian viticultural region of Nagambie Lakes.

Purchased by Reginald Purbrick in 1925, five generations of the Purbrick family have been actively involved in Tahbilk bringing a tradition of pride, hard work and a love of good wine to their unique heritage of being the oldest family owned winery and vineyard in Victoria.

Tahbilk can trace its history with the varietals that make up this blend back to 1860 and Estate Shiraz vines that still survive today. In more recent times these elder statesmen plantings have been joined by Grenache and Mourvédre providing the synergistic opportunity to produce an Estate interpretation of the classic French Rhone Valley blending of the three.

Critical and consumer acclaim continues to grow for this new member of the Tahbilk Red's portfolio, along with a glowing Wine Show record.

TASTING NOTE

"Aromatic, savoury and fleshy with bright and spicy Grenache red berry fruits, juicy and earthy Shiraz notes, along with floral and dried herb Mourvedre characters, this release is delicious drinking now, with the tannin authority to see added complexity develop across medium-term cellaring out to 2025/2027."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation CEO and Winemaker

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