



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2013 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months – 50% new French oak, the balance older oak.
ACID:	6.5 g/l
pH:	3.45
ALCOHOL:	12.5% v/v

VINTAGE 2013

Good early winter rains in 2012 followed the autumn break but it quickly turned dry, with total winter and spring rainfalls finishing well below average. Vineyard managers were irrigating before budburst with the heat continuing through January with Australia's hottest day record broken three days in a row, and bushfires in the eastern States. Harvest began on February 8th, the earliest date since records have been kept, with the continuing warm days (perfect for ripening at around 32 degrees) and warm nights meant all varieties ripened steadily putting pressure on to bring in the fruit at optimum ripeness.

Some late rain in February kept the lid on ripening and meant that most of the whites were picked before the reds started in earnest. Overall the wines look remarkably good with crisp flavours in the whites and good fruit concentration in the reds.

ABOUT THE WINE

Established in 1860, and purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is located in the premium central Victorian region of Nagambie Lakes.

As original as the Estate itself, these un-grafted, pre-phylloxera Shiraz plantings are amongst the oldest in the world and were nominated by renowned USA *Wine & Spirits* magazine as one of the 25 Great Vineyards of the World. The vineyards selected were those where the terroir – the total environment of a place, including soil, climate, aspect, vine and even history "is most clearly perceptible in the wine."

Listed as Excellent in *Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VI* as being a 'high performing wine of exquisite quality', since the inaugural 1979 vintage Tahbilk '1860 Vines' Shiraz releases have become most sought after and collectable, cementing their place as being an authentic piece of liquid history.

TASTING NOTE

"2013 is recognised as a standout vintage for reds from the Estate, no better illustrated than with our '1860 Vines' release from that year. Seamlessly constructed and beautifully balanced, with rich dark and red berry fruits, dried herb/allspice nuances and fine grained tannins. Elegant yet powerful, like an iron fist in a velvet glove, the suggestions are there of more complexity to come with time in the cellar out to 2033/2038. An original 1870's Estate label has been reproduced to showcase this premium release."

Alister Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
CEO and Winemaker



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