



TAHBILK

EST · 1860



A *priceless* INHERITANCE

Established in 1860, Tahbilk is the oldest family owned winery and vineyard in Victoria. Located in the Nagambie Lakes sub region of central Victoria (138km north of Melbourne) one of the nations premium viticultural areas. Purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, Tahbilk is now home to 5 generations. The family tradition continues today with Reginald Purbrick's great-grandson, Alister, and Alister's daughter, Hayley.

Entrepreneur Reginald Purbrick made Tahbilk a bridge for carrying a culture of wine from the nineteenth century to the modern day. His son, Eric, inherited his fine palate and love of wine as well as an appreciation for the estate's history. Thanks to him, Tahbilk escaped the wholesale modernisation of the 1960's and started producing fine table wine, contributing to the emerging Australian wine industry. Continuing his family's legacy, Eric's son John Purbrick quietly rebuilt the marketing arm of the winery, while his son Alister brought management skills and modern techniques to old winemaking traditions. Today, Alister's daughter Hayley guides the winery into the 21st century, ensuring the winery's future in sustainable balance with its environment.

Vineyards AT NAGAMBBIE LAKES

Tahbilk and its Estate vineyards are located in the unique Nagambie Lakes sub region in Victoria. This distinctive region is the only Australian wine region, and one of the only six worldwide, where the meso-climate is dramatically influenced by inland water mass. The effect of many lakes and billabongs (linked by the Goulburn River) is a moderate and cool climate. The Nagambie Lakes sub region also has a unique mix of red and sandy loam soils. Its red soils are very high in ferric-oxide content, which has positive effect on grape quality and gives the wines a distinctive regional character.

Tahbilk's vineyards are planted to approximately 494 acres of vine which include varietals like rare French Rhone Valley whites of Marsanne, Viognier and Roussanne and the Rhone Valley reds of Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Also planted are traditional varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris.

Some vineyard plantings extend back to Tahbilk's founding with original pre-phylloxera Shiraz still surviving from 1860. The estate also includes an abundance of 'old vine' plantings including Shiraz from 1933, the prime source for Tahbilk's 'Eric Stevens Purbrick' Shiraz releases, Cabernet Sauvignon back to 1949 and Marsanne from 1927.



A U S T R A L I A

V I C T O R I A

**TAHBILK
NAGAMBIE**
138km | 86 miles

MELBOURNE

Carbon footprint

The story of Tahbilk begins with the land and the river. The place is known as tabilk-tabilk, 'place of many waterholes' in the language of the Taungurung, the first people; a name which perfectly describes the landscape.

For the best part of the last two decades Tahbilk has made a genuine commitment to restoring the delicate balance, determined to leave a sustainable legacy for those to come.

Extensive work has been completed to rehabilitate the Tahbilk Wetlands & Wildlife reserve, including returning 160 ha of the property to revegetation. In 2008 this work was extended to also understand its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) profile and establish baselines for calculating the carbon stored onsite by revegetation activities.

Through onsite re-vegetation, 100kwh solar system, organic waste treatment, recycling and then investing in reputable carbon reduction schemes to offset current emissions Tahbilk achieved its objective of becoming Carbon Neutral for the first time in the 2012 financial year.

The winery and vineyard continues to be carbon audited annually and is proudly accredited carboNZero with Toitu Envirocare. This means that, through a transparent process of measuring emissions, reducing those emissions and offsetting residual emissions, our net calculated carbon emissions equal zero.

Tahbilk continues to be one of 8 wineries globally to achieve the carboNZero accreditation at a product and organisation level achieving a net 26% reduction in total carbon emissions since 2012.

Under this certification we are certified in accordance with:

ISO 14064-1:2006

PAS 2050:2011

NCOS (National Carbon Offset Standard – Australia)





Winemaking

WHITE WINE

One of the first initiatives undertaken by Alister Purbrick after assuming the General Manager's role was the construction of the white wine cellar in 1979. The white grapes are crushed and then chilled before being moved into presses. The juice is then separated from the skins and pumped into refrigerated stainless steel tanks and fermented with cultured yeast under strict temperature control to maximise flavour and freshness. On completion of fermentation, the wines are filtered, blended and bottled.

RED WINE

The Tahbilk approach to red winemaking is considered very traditional and has not changed since its inception in 1860. Tahbilk produces wines with an emphasis on fruit flavour and the proven potential to improve and develop added complexity over time.

During harvest fruit is fermented in the winery's original oak fermenters where cultivated yeast is introduced. Twice daily the juice from the bottom is pumped over the top of the cap which extracts the colour, flavour and tannins from the grape skins; three important elements in producing quality, structured red wines. Finally the wine is pumped into oak casks in the original 1860 cellar. The majority of the casks are well over 100 years old with some dating back 140 years.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST FAMILIES OF WINE

Launched in 2009, Australia's First Families of Wine represents 11 iconic, family owned wineries that have come together with a strong long-term commitment to promote Australian wine domestically and overseas.

Tahbilk proudly stands alongside Brown Brothers, Campbells,

d'Arenberg, Henschke, Howard Park, Jim Barry, McWilliams, Taylors, Tyrrells and Yalumba in a multi-generational collective that spreads across four states.

Australia's First Families of Wine will work to engage consumers, retailers and restaurateurs across the globe about the real character and

characters of Australian wine.
"While as family winemakers we all value our independence, we do share a common vision that Australian wine can take on the world's best and win!"

Alister Purbrick
Inaugural Chairman





COUESLANT CHARDONNAY PINOT NOIR

Fermented in stainless steel then aged and stirred on yeast lees; full-flavoured fruit from Tahbilk's own Nagambie Lakes vineyards is blended with cool-climate Strathbogie Ranges parcels to deliver an elegant and stylish release of crisp minerality with a background yeasty complexity.



GRENACHE MOURVÈDRE ROSÉ

Drawing on Estate plantings of Grenache and Mourvèdre the fruit is picked early to retain freshness and delicacy, with the grapes crushed and pressed with as little oxygen contact as possible to preserve the fresh fruit characters.



ESTATE MARSANNE

One of the world's rarest grape varieties with its origins in the Northern Rhone Hermitage regions of France; Tahbilk has some of the oldest vines and largest single holding of Marsanne in the world.



MUSEUM MARSANNE

Held back to allow the complexity that comes with age to begin to shine, lifted honeysuckle and toasty notes on the nose are the first indicators that this is most definitely an aged Tahbilk Marsanne.



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1927 VINES

2011

MARSANNET

Bottle No. 0864 of 6240





1927 VINES MARSANNE

At least six years bottle age prior to release has not diminished the solid framework of steely acidity that supports the mineral, ginger, honeysuckle, lime/citrus and spicy tropical fruits. This wine will continue to build complexity with further bottle ageing with an expected life of 25+ years.



CANE CUT MARSANNE

Marsanne from vines established in 1927, which are amongst the oldest in the world. Cutting the canes and allowing the fruit to hang prior to harvest concentrates the flavours and sugars, producing a luscious wine with balance and refreshing acidity.



ROUSSANNE MARSANNE VIOGNIER

Tahbilk has its own Nagambie Lakes take on the Rhone tradition of blending. Textural, with a generous length and harmonious finish, the Roussanne provides palate weight and herbal pear notes; the Marsanne a wonderful minerality and honeysuckle vibe with Viognier overlaying delightful perfumed, floral and stonefruit aromatics.



GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

Tahbilk has a long association with France's Rhone Valley grape varieties, from Shiraz vines back to the Estate's founding, to Marsanne planted in 1927. These elder statesmen vines have been joined by more recent plantings of the Rhone Reds, Grenache and Mourvèdre. The spicy warmth of Grenache's cherry and raspberry fruits, combining with the robust dark berry, plum and pepper Shiraz characters and meaty richness of Mourvèdre deliver releases of distinctiveness and complexity.



ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tahbilk has some 27 hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon planted on the Estate – the oldest dating back to 1949. Considered by many experts to be the best performed of the Tahbilk reds in terms of longevity, Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon releases consistently exhibit considerable richness and character with the undeniable potential to develop further complexity if cellared.



ESTATE SHIRAZ

Tahbilk's love affair with Shiraz extends back to its founding in 1860 with the planting of original French vines in that same year. Some of the original plantings still remain, with the fruit from these venerable wonders used to produce our world renowned '1860 Vines' releases. The resultant releases are noted as being fruit-driven wines of elegance and substance and have proven over the years to develop added character when cellared.





ERIC STEVENS PURBRICK CABERNET SAUVIGNON & SHIRAZ

Eric took over management of Tahbilk in 1931. Heading the winemaking for over 40 vintages until handing over to his grandson Alister in 1978, Eric was one of the early pioneers of varietal labeling in Australia and continued to be a strong influence in the direction of the Estate until his passing in 1991.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to Tahbilk was to create the 'Special Bin' Shiraz in 1948 which was to be made, and continues to be made, from the best vats of a particular vintage. In 1952 a 'Special Bin' Cabernet Sauvignon was added to the range with both releases becoming known as 'Reserve' in 1985. In recognition of his achievements, these 'best of vintage' wines now carry his name and signature ... Eric Stevens Purbrick.



‘OLD VINES’ CABERNET SHIRAZ

The quintessentially Australian blending of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz saw initial releases at Tahbilk from the 1957 and 1958 vintages under Eric Purbrick's tutelage.

Reintroduced in 2010, this wine has quickly become one of Tahbilk's most awarded reds.



‘1860 VINES’ SHIRAZ

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 '1860 Vines' Shiraz vineyard selected as one of the 25 great vineyards in the world along with such Estates as DRC La Tache, Hermitage La Chapelle, Lafite, Vega Sicilia and Y'Quem.

- WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

Accolades

"Tahbilk is one of the four most outstanding red wine producers in the country. Tahbilk is renowned for its full bodied, rich and opulent reds which are amongst the longest lived in Australia. Given their prices they are amongst the greatest values in the world for age-worthy, serious red wines and I enthusiastically recommend them."

ROBERT M PARKER Jr –
THE WINE ADVOCATE

Nominated as an 'International Winery of the Year' in 1996, 2000, 2002, 2008, 2011 and 2013. Since starting the Top 100 listings, 485 wineries have been awarded this prestigious honour and Tahbilk is one of only 44 to be recognised 6 times or more.

WINE & SPIRITS MAGAZINE

In 2016 Tahbilk was named "Winery of the year" by Australian writer and critic James Halliday.

JAMES HALLIDAY
winecompanion.com.au

Selected as one of the top red producers in Australia based on overall quality, consistency, value for money and typicity of origin.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL
WINE & SPIRITS FAIR
- 25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

"A winery steeped in tradition, which should be visited at least once by every wine-conscious Australian, and which makes wines particularly red wines utterly in keeping with that tradition."

JAMES HALLIDAY
winecompanion.com.au

"Tahbilk. A Priceless Inheritance. In the world of changing fashions, Tahbilk is a rock of ages. There is a continuity of style of the kind rarely encountered in Australia. The reds are massively constructed, invariably showing generous berry and chocolate fruit flavours with enormous supporting tannins whilst the whites, Marsanne, Riesling and Chardonnay are outstanding."

JAMES HALLIDAY –
WINE ATLAS OF AUSTRALIA
& NEW ZEALAND

2012 Len Evans Medal for industry leadership awarded to Alister Purbrick – Tahbilk 4th generation CEO and winemaker. "As custodian of some of Australia's finest heritage at Tahbilk, whose holdings date back to the mid-19th century, Purbrick has succeeded in sustaining and reinvigorating Tahbilk while maintaining a palpable sense of history and tradition."

GOURMET TRAVELLER
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