



NAGAMBIE LAKES

TAHBILK

EST-1860



2012 '1860 VINES' SHIRAZ

WINE REGION:	Nagambie Lakes
FRUIT SOURCE:	Tahbilk Estate
GRAPE VARIETY:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months on 100% new French oak
ACID:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.42
ALCOHOL:	12.5% v/v

VINTAGE 2012

A mild autumn rolled into the cool of winter, although the lack of rain bought back memories of the dry winters of the drought years. Spring started cool and dry with warm weather and dewy mornings followed by a wet and humid December driven by tropical weather patterns from the north. January on the other hand was very dry and the vineyard managers were irrigating around the clock to keep the delicate feeder roots in the topsoil moist, which factored then into a very early start to the harvest. A few events of tropical weather tested our patience in February but as it dried out through March and April, and autumn continued to cool, the outlook was positive across all varietals. Fruit flavours in the whites were outstanding with excellent varietal expression, and the reds have deep, vibrant colour and intense primary fruit.

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-phyloxera 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 NOTES

“Blackberry, earth and allspice aromas on a deeply flavoured palate of remarkable length where fine tannins are in seamless harmony with intense red and black cherry fruits, dried herb nuances and a fresh grape acidity. A wine for the generations that will age with much grace if carefully cellared for a further 20 plus years from vintage. Appropriately an original 1870's Estate label has been reproduced to showcase this premium release. Drink Now to 2032+”

Alistair Purbrick ~ Fourth Generation
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